



Ref: ATISN 24995

29 July 2025

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### **ATISN 24995 – Physician Associates**

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 27 July 2025. You referred to funding for physician associates (PAs) and have requested the following:

- 1. For each of the last three financial years, please provide the total amount of direct funding provided to each individual Health Board for Physician Associate roles.*
- 2. For the same time period, please supply the total amount of funding provided by the Welsh Government to support Physician Associate education and training (for example, payments or sponsorship of MSc courses)*
- 3. If available, please provide the budget for training physician associates for the next financial year (2026-27)*

### **Our Response**

1. The Welsh Government does not hold this information as no direct funding has been provided. You may wish to contact Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) for this information [HEIW.foi@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:HEIW.foi@wales.nhs.uk)
2. Education and training funding for physician associate training places forms part of the annual funding provided to HEIW for health professional education and training – this was £294m for 2025/26. The Welsh Government does not hold the specific breakdown for physician associates. You may wish to contact HEIW for this information [HEIW.foi@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:HEIW.foi@wales.nhs.uk)
3. We are awaiting HEIW's education and training plan for 2026/27 and therefore the budget is yet to be agreed.

### **Next Steps**



The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/freedom-of-information-responses>).

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an

internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,