

Dear

ATISN 26882 – National Data Resources

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 11 April 2026 relating to the National Data Resources (NDR) for NHS Wales.

You referred to “Welsh Government have given substantial funding to Digital Health and Care Wales to develop and deliver the NDR. It was described in July 2023 in the WG digital strategy for health and social care as ...one of WG’s key national programmes...This is a strategic initiative to help transform health and social care in Wales through a more connected and collaborative use of data”.

You requested the following information:

1. *Please provide me with details of the total revenue and capital funding paid by WG for the NDR programme since it started. This could include funding given to Digital Health and Care Wales but also to Health Boards and Trusts*
 - *for any parts of the programme they were doing as well as possibly to commercial suppliers directly (software companies, google health, consultants etc.).*
 - *Please break this down by financial year since the start of the programme. If funding for 26-27 has been agreed or estimated please provide that too.*
2. *Please list all the “deliverables” in the approved business case that should have been achieved by 31 March 2026 and identify which of those have been delivered and if they were on target*
3. *Please provide copies of any gateway /performance/ reviews or programme progress reports received by WG officers or Ministers about the NDR Programme since 1 April 2024.*
4. *Please provide copies of any communication between WG and Digital Health and Care Wales since 1 April 2024 that concerns the performance of the NDR programme and/or its funding.*

Our Response

1. On 28th April 2026, DHCW published a Freedom of Information request concerning the National Data Resource (NDR) programme. This release provides comprehensive details regarding total expenditure on NDR from 2019 to 2026. Additional information can be found here: [FOI Request: National Data Resource \(NDR\) Total Expenditure](#). Please note that funding decisions for the 2026-27 period have not yet been finalised by the Welsh Government, and no updates are currently available for that timeframe.
2. On 28th April 2026, DHCW released a Freedom of Information (FOI) request pertaining to the National Data Resource (NDR) programme. The Business Plan and its appendices are

available via the provided link. For further details, please refer to [FOI Request: National Data Resource \(NDR\) Total Expenditure](#). Additionally, the Remit Letter and accompanying Annex A: Priorities for Delivery 2025/26, which outline specific requirements concerning 'core deliverables' and 'key milestones,' are accessible at [HERE](#).

3. Please refer to the DHCW Annual Report 2024–2025, particularly the chapter on NDR progress (pages 19–20). Relevant sections of the Minutes that provide updates on the NDR—mostly regarding Joint Data Controller matters—are highlighted in the attached documents. You can view them [HERE](#). Additionally, note that in February 2026, WG appointed a new Chair to the NDR Programme Board.
4. We can confirm that Welsh Government holds some of the information that is captured by part 4 of your request. However, from my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your requests.

The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches to be undertaken in our electronic filing system. Our initial search of electronic files has identified over 400 documents of various sizes and complexity which may be related to your request. Each of these documents would need to be manually reviewed to consider whether they are wholly or partially within scope of your request. Assuming that each review takes 5 minutes, this would take at least 33.3 hours.

This was based on a limited search on a small number of key words. It is likely that additional searches would be required to fully capture relevant information.

Following considering the regulations and applying the timescales for reviews, we have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested as it exceeds the appropriate limit as set out in the regulations.

You may wish to refine your requests by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain and include any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. It may help you to refine any future requests if you were to consider what it is you are looking for. Are there any specific questions you want an answer to? Is there any specific piece of information you are looking for? What is it you want to understand?

If you can identify what it is you are looking for, then ask for that information. By doing this, it would make it easier for our Digital policy team to identify what you are looking for and to provide a more focused response.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Next Steps

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

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely,