

Dear

ATISN 27403: Request for Information - Specialist residential provision for adults with Alcohol-Related Brain Damage (ARBD) and Korsakoff syndrome in Wales.

Thank you for your request which we received on 22/08/2026.

Information requested

You asked for the following information:

1. The number of currently registered care home services in Wales whose Statement of Purpose, registration information or other information held by CIW identifies the service as being specifically organised or providing specialist/dedicated provision for adults with:
 - Alcohol-Related Brain Damage (ARBD);
 - Korsakoff syndrome/Korsakoff's syndrome; and/or
 - alcohol-related neurocognitive disorder.
2. Where the information is held:
 - the name of each identified service;
 - the local authority area in which it is located;
 - the registered number of places/beds; and
 - whether the service is specifically dedicated to ARBD/Korsakoff syndrome or provides specialist ARBD/Korsakoff provision alongside care for other groups.
3. If CIW does not categorise registered services according to ARBD or Korsakoff syndrome, is this information held within providers' Statements of Purpose or another searchable source maintained by CIW.
4. If it is not possible to provide a definitive number, any information CIW holds that would help identify the current extent of specialist ARBD/Korsakoff residential provision in Wales.

Our response

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our responses to your specific questions are as follows.

1. **The number of currently registered care home services in Wales whose Statement of Purpose, registration information or other information held by CIW identifies the service as being specifically organised or providing specialist/dedicated provision for adults with:**
 - **Alcohol-Related Brain Damage (ARBD);**
 - **Korsakoff syndrome/Korsakoff's syndrome; and/or**
 - **alcohol-related neurocognitive disorder.**

This information is not held. CIW do not categorise care home services based on provision for Alcohol-Related Brain Damage (ARBD), Korsakoff syndrome/Korsakoff's syndrome; and/or alcohol-related neurocognitive disorder, nor do the service needs categories for care home services allow us to identify this. It is therefore not possible for us to produce any data on the number of registered care homes services with such provision.

2. Where the information is held:

- **the name of each identified service;**
- **the local authority area in which it is located;**
- **the registered number of places/beds; and**
- **whether the service is specifically dedicated to ARBD/Korsakoff syndrome or provides specialist ARBD/Korsakoff provision alongside care for other groups.**

As the information requested under question 1 is not held, we are unable to provide this information.

3. If CIW does not categorise registered services according to ARBD or Korsakoff syndrome, is this information held within providers' Statements of Purpose or another searchable source maintained by CIW.

Providers may include information within their Statement of Purpose about whether they provide specialist/dedicated provision for adults with ARBD or Korsakoff syndrome, however this is not information which is easily searchable within our records.

We have attempted a content search of documents held against our regulated service records for the terms 'ARBD', 'Korsakoff' and similar, but unfortunately this did not prove to be effective.

Therefore, to identify care home services which provide specialist/dedicated provision for adults with ARBD or Korsakoff syndrome would require us to manually review the individual documents for each registered care home, then from those determine whether the service provides specialist dedicated provision, which may not always be clear from these documents. This would be unlikely to result in a definitive list as some providers might not specifically reference this within the Statement of Purpose, or they may not have submitted an up-to-date Statement of Purpose to us.

We estimate that to identify care home services which provide specialist/dedicated provision for adults with ARBD or Korsakoff syndrome from a manual review of the Statement of Purposes held on our records for care homes services, would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as set out within **section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act**. Under section 12, we are not obliged to comply with a request for information if we estimate the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

There are no other searchable records held by CIW which would allow us to identify this information.

4. If it is not possible to provide a definitive number, any information CIW holds that would help identify the current extent of specialist ARBD/Korsakoff residential provision in Wales.

As above, the only way we could identify any information which could help identify the current extent of specialist ARBD/Korsakoff residential provision in Wales is via manual search of all Statement of Purposes held on our records for any reference to specialist ARBD/Korsakoff residential provision, which we estimate would exceed the appropriate cost limit.

Having checked with relevant teams within CIW, we are aware of one service which offers a programme specifically for ARBD rehabilitation. You can find the details of this service, including their contact details and website link, on our service directory here: [Brynawel House Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Centre Ltd \(Care Homes for Adults\)](#).

We have also made enquiries with colleagues in Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) to see whether they have any information which may be of assistance in relation to any specialist health care services, but they have confirmed they do not have any relevant information.

We would suggest contacting Care Forum Wales to see whether they may have any further information which could assist you. Alternatively, an internet search may identify relevant provisions from the service's own website details.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our 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.of.information@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