17 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0069: National Nosocomial COVID-19 Programme funding

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 October 2026

Relating to the funding of the National Nosocomial COVID-19 Programme in Wales. You asked for:

1. Original approval: What amount of funding was initially approved for the programme, for what duration, and on what date?
2. Subsequent changes: Was the original funding allocation subsequently increased, revised or extended? If so, on what date was each change approved, what was the revised amount and duration, and who authorised it?
3. Final allocation and expenditure: What was the total amount of funding ultimately approved for the programme, and what was the total expenditure?
4. Supporting documentation: Please provide the financial approval records documenting the original funding allocation and any subsequent increase, revision or extension, including the dates and amounts authorised.

Our Response

1. In January 2022, funding of £4.54 m per annum for 2 years was provided for the Programme.

2. No changes were made to the original funding allocation.

3. The total budget spend for the Programme was:

   2022/23 - £4.180m
   2023/24 - £4.503m

The total budget spend was within the overall allocation amount.

4. Please find enclosed the funding letters issued to each of the health boards/trusts involved in the Programme.

   Some of the information requested in the attached documents is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The reasons for applying these exemptions are set out in full at Annex 1 to this letter.

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,

Annex 1

Section 40(2)

The Welsh Government considers it necessary to redact parts of the *Health Board Letters* because it contains personal information. The personal information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which applies to personal data relating to individuals other than the applicant where disclosure would contravene one or more of the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

We consider that disclosure of this information into the public domain would be unfair to the individuals concerned and would therefore breach the first data protection principle, which requires personal data to be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test. Personal data has been withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Disclosure would contravene the data protection principles contained in the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest test.