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Dear ,

**ATISN 12039 – PERSONAL ASSISTANTS**

Thank you for your email of 6 February to the Welsh Government requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In answer to your enquires:

Your Request

**Numbers of personal assistant support required for individuals, either through health care, social services or self-funding, to include direct payments**

The question involves:

- children and young people;
- people 25 to 55 years old;
- older persons.

**Within Wales, individuals are entitled in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the prior statutory provision(s) to an assessment of their care needs. This requirement of a Personal Centred Planning, based on the Social Model of Disability, the objectives of United Nation Convention rights of Disabled Person and the Protocol.**

**The objective outcome of such actions may result in an individual requiring, a number trained, skilled Personal Assistant support in their residential setting, own home or supported living and in the wider community arrangements.**

- 1) Within each local authority of Wales and/or regional partnerships. How many require and have such Personal Assistant Support. (PAs);**
- 2) In each authority – How many require One PA;**
- 3) How many require Two PAs;**
- 4) How many require Three PAs;**
- 5) How many require Four PAs;**

With each of the above PA questions, please provide a break down of age and impairment category.

### Health funding

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 in such a situation where an individual is entitled to an assessment of need the first principal as stated in the regulations is that Health Care funding is considered first.

Care and treatment plan prepared under section 18 of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010, and in accordance with the requirements of the Mental Health (Care Coordination and Care and Treatment Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

### Past provisions of entitlement

Within each of the Health Boards and/or regional partnerships who are required to plan services:

- 6) How many require One PA;
- 7) How many require Two PAs;
- 8) How many require Three PAs;
- 9) How many require Four PAs;

With each of the above PA questions, please provide a break down of age and impairment category.

- 10) Please repeat the information for Self Funding individuals and those who are in receipt of Direct Payments:
  - 11) How many require Two PAs;
  - 12) How many require Three PAs;
  - 13) How many require Four PAs;

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## Our Response

The Welsh Government does not collect this information.

The information requested will be contained within individuals' care and support plans or support plans for carers prepared under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 or care and treatment plans prepared under the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010.

If you have not already done so, it is open to you to consider directing these questions to local authorities, local health boards and NHS Trusts in Wales. However, I would anticipate such a request would require each organisation to undertake a manual trawl of their records.

To give you an idea of the scale of such a request, during 2016/17, approximately 23,000 care and support plans and support plans were prepared under the 2014 Act. There were 23,749 patients in receipt of secondary Mental Health services at the end of September 2017. Of these, 21,453 (90.3%) had a valid Care and Treatment Plan under the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010.

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

Email: [FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number 12039.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. However, please note the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

The request you sent me contains personal information about you – for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I 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.

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 <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,