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Dear ,

ATISN 13110 Funding for Welsh Women's Aid

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 April 2019. You asked for:

All documents on Welsh Government funding to Welsh Women's Aid in relation to transgender and non-binary people since 2014, including:

- The guidance issued by Welsh Women's Aid in 2015-16 to their member organisations on providing accessible services to meet the needs of transgender survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence;
- Training delivered by Welsh Women's Aid to domestic abuse services on meeting the needs of transgender survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.
- Final reports on these above projects including the contracts/ funding details; also include training materials issued as well as the 'guidance'.

The information you requested is enclosed in annex 1.

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

The weblink below contains a link to the guidance issued by Welsh Women's Aid in 2015-16 to their member organisations on providing accessible services to meet the needs of transgender survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

<http://www.welshwomensaid.org.uk/2018/04/transgender-inclusion-statement/>

Welsh Government provides funding to Welsh Women's Aid on an annual basis. Specifically in 2015-16 Welsh Women's Aid's reported in its delivery plan that it planned to use some funding to:

- deliver a series of practice seminars/webinars for a multi-agency audience which will include expert speakers/practitioners on the following issues:
 - Supporting trans survivors and LGB survivors
- issue policy guidance to member organisations on providing accessible services that meet the needs of transgender survivors of domestic abuse/sexual violence; and
- deliver a rolling programme of members' information exchange sessions and training in every region which includes a focus on helping services achieve the quality mark and increase their capacity and stability, and support survivors from diverse communities/with complex needs, e.g.
 - Meeting the needs of trans survivors

All information relevant to your request has been extracted from Welsh Women's Aid's claim reports and newsletters from 2015-16 and is reproduced below.

Document the information was extracted from:	Information extracted:
2015-16 Welsh Women's Aid Quarter 1 Claim form (1st April 2015 to 30th June 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five seminars/webinars will be delivered in 2015-2016 covering a wide spectrum of emerging trends/themes.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The seminars/webinars will commence in September 2015 (including trans survivors and LGB survivors).• The guide on supporting trans survivors is being planned, and collaborative working with Respect and accredited perpetrator providers in Wales has been discussed, to be delivered in the autumn.
2015-16 Welsh Women's Aid Quarter 2 Claim form (1st July 2015 to 30th September 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five seminars/webinars will be delivered in 2015-2016 covering a wide spectrum of emerging trends/themes.• WWA guidance for specialist services supporting trans survivors has been developed and consulted on with member

	<p>services during this period; this is now being completed before a seminar will be arranged on it to train specialist services in its delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for the seminars has involved working in partnership with agencies. • In the meantime, consultation has taken place this quarter on supporting trans survivors of domestic abuse, to inform guidance/training in the latter part of the year.
<p>Welsh Women's Aid Newsletter October 2015</p>	<p>Future training More information will be coming soon about the following training sessions:</p> <p>Supporting trans survivors webinar January 2016</p>
<p>2015-16 Welsh Women's Aid Quarter 3 Claim form (1st October 2015 to 31st December 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remaining seminars/webinars which will cover: supporting trans survivors and LGB survivors; will be completed in Q4. • The guide on supporting trans survivors is being finalised.
<p>2015-16 Welsh Women's Aid Quarter 4 Claim form (1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar to explore good practice in supporting Trans survivors of domestic abuse in Wales • The focus for the seminar was for any professionals in public services and the voluntary sector who wanted to understand more about the issues and barriers trans people face in accessing services, how to overcome these barriers, and how to improve responses to help survivors get the support they need. The event also provided a networking opportunity for professionals to meet with others within the field. Speakers included Jess Taylor (WWA Trustee), Broken Rainbow and other experts on trans domestic abuse issues. • There was also a closed afternoon session for WWA member services, to discuss implementation of the WWA Transgender Policy and Procedural Guidance, explore legislative requirements, and share best practice in meeting the needs of trans

	<p>survivors in specialist services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trans survivor event detailed above have been held to directly benefit members. Anecdotal feedback has been good, **full feedback analysis will be available later in Q4.
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** Welsh Government does not hold the full feedback analysis from the Trans survivor event in 2015-16.

In its quarterly reports to Welsh Government on use of funding during 2017-18, Welsh Women's Aid reported that the organisation:

- had worked in partnership with Stonewall Cymru to respond to the proposed UK Government Gender Recognitions Act, ensuring the women's sector and VAWDASV sector are informed of planned changes that may impact on their practice and informing the proposed changes to ensure they meet the needs of all survivors, including trans* women.
- drafted briefing that can inform members of the key changes and increase their understanding of trans* issues;
- held an All Wales member meeting with the Home Office to discuss the UK Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill;
- consulted members on specific areas of the Bill including their views on what more needs to be done to protect and support survivors facing intersecting discrimination because of their identities, such as Trans* survivors;
- participated in Stonewall research on Trans inclusion in service provision to ensure a Wales and VAWDASV sector perspective, exploring creating more inclusive provision; and
- engaged with the Government Equalities Office on the Gender Recognition Act consultation, providing input at 2 round table discussions. We have engaged with our members to provide the perspective of the Welsh VAWDASV sector within this consultation process. Link to statement for information:

<http://www.welshwomensaid.org.uk/2018/04/transgender-inclusion-statement/>

There is not sufficient detail in the quarterly reports to be able to identify what proportion of its annual grant from Welsh Government was directed to these activities.

During 2017-2018 Welsh Women's Aid also reported that it continued to respond to emerging issues including supporting members to develop policies to support transgender survivors.