

Dear

ATISN 19481 – Maternity Services

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 16 April 2024 regarding expenditure for NHS maternity services. You have requested the following:

- *To provide the amount that the Welsh government has spent on NHS maternity and neonatal services in Wales for each financial year:*
 - 2022-2023,
 - 2021-2022,
 - 2020-2021,
 - 2019-2020,
 - 2018-2019.

Our Response

Welsh Government does not set the budget for Maternity & Neonates but issues a large amount of discretionary funding to the NHS each year. It is then for each Health Board to assess the level of need for these services for its own locality and set their budgets accordingly.

Annual spend information for NHS Wales is published on the 'StatsWales' website and is shown for a range of programme headings. Please see the following link: [NHS Programme Budget information](#) .

Please note the figures in the NHS Programme data represent the fully absorbed costs, including all overheads. The area which you have inquired about is included but, to note, it also includes the wider category of 'reproductive health'.

If you require more detailed information than this, we suggest that you contact individual health boards. Contact details can be found [here](#)

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,