Dear

ATISN 19718 – NHS Estates

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 3 July 2024 NHS Estates. You have requested the following:

- *The total spend by the Welsh Government on building renovation or upkeep of premises within the NHS Estate since 2021/22, broken down by health board.*
- *The number of hospitals in Wales that currently require renovation or upkeep work – with the estimated cost for each one.*
- *The year-by-year proportion of the Welsh Government's Capital Budget that has been dedicated to renovation or upkeep on the NHS Estate since 2021/22.*

Our Response

Taking each of your requests in turn.

- *The total spend by the Welsh Government on building renovation or upkeep of premises within the NHS Estate since 2021/22, broken down by health board.*

The information you have requested is not available in this format. The NHS All Wales Capital Programme is directed across a wide range of areas – from ambulance replacements to new hospital developments. The majority of capital schemes are focused on enhancing patient safety and improving the delivery of clinical services, elements of which are frequently achieved through the refurbishment of existing buildings.
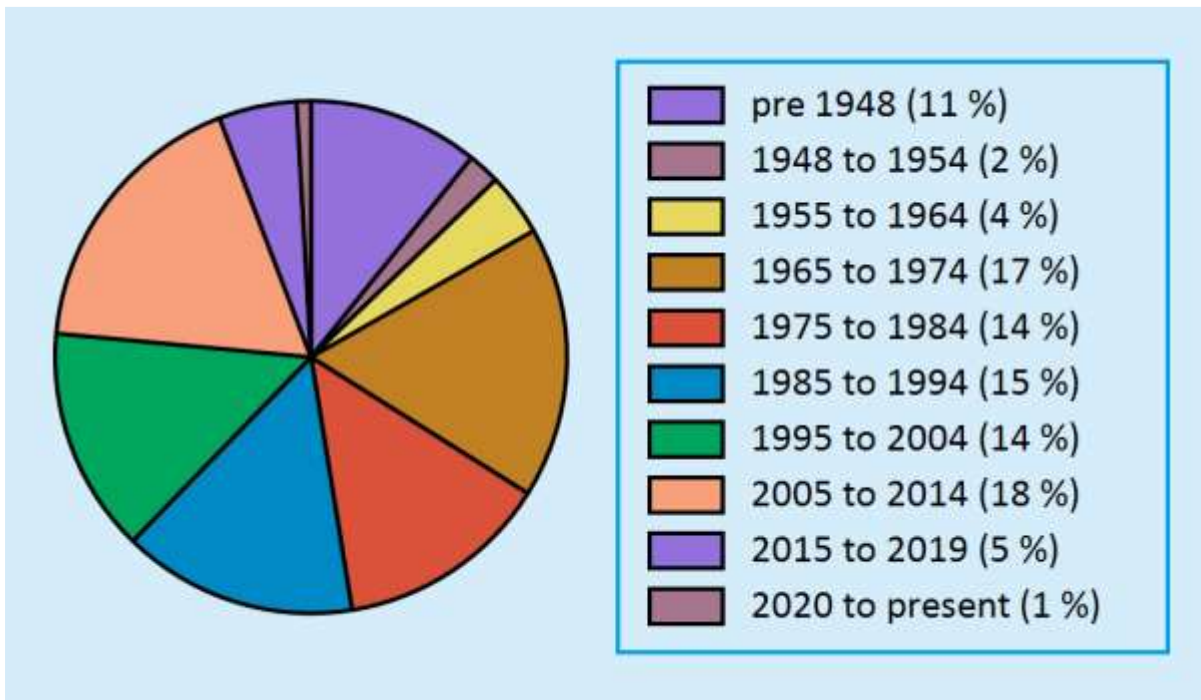
All NHS Wales organisations receive an annual discretionary capital allocation – which totalled c.£83m for 2024-25. Some of this funding is used for the renovation and upkeep of premises but there are other calls on the discretionary funding such as digital, equipment, statutory compliance and other risks.

NHS Shared Services Partnership-Specialist Estate Services (NWSSP-SES) also oversee the Estate Funding Advisory Board (EFAB) fund for the Welsh Government. £37m capital funding was made available by Welsh Ministers in 2021-22 for infrastructure, mental health, fire safety and decarbonisation projects. A further £40m of capital funding was provided across 2023-24 and 2024-25. This EFAB funding had been targeted at reducing estates backlog including physical condition and compliance; improving fire safety in buildings; and to improve compliance in mental health accommodation.

- *The number of hospitals in Wales that currently require renovation or upkeep work – with the estimated cost for each one.*

NWSSP-SES collect Estates Facilities Performance Management System (EFPMS) data from all NHS Wales organisations on an annual basis. A dashboard summary report is produced which is attached below. This includes backlog maintenance figures for the Health Boards but does not drill down to an individual hospital level. The pie chart below shows the age of each of the hospitals across NHS Wales and highlights the building age across the estate. In reality, every hospital in Wales requires continual investment to maintain and upkeep premises.

See Document 1 attached.

- pre 1948 (11 %)
- 1948 to 1954 (2 %)
- 1955 to 1964 (4 %)
- 1965 to 1974 (17 %)
- 1975 to 1984 (14 %)
- 1985 to 1994 (15 %)
- 1995 to 2004 (14 %)
- 2005 to 2014 (18 %)
- 2015 to 2019 (5 %)
- 2020 to present (1 %)

- *The year-by-year proportion of the Welsh Government's Capital Budget that has been dedicated to renovation or upkeep on the NHS Estate since 2021/22.*

This information is not held centrally for the reasons given above and it would not be appropriate to estimate a split.

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,