

18 January 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 16987 – Health Funding**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 17 December 2022. You have requested the following:

- 1. the total funding received by Wales to spend on healthcare*
- 2. the total funds spent on healthcare in Wales*
- 3. any information Welsh Government hold which enables a comparison to be made between the level of funding provided for healthcare in England and that provided to Wales*
- 4. any information Welsh Government hold which enables the accuracy the claim that, for every £1.20 which is allocated to Wales for healthcare spending only £1.05 is actually spent, to be verified).*

## **Our Response**

1. In the 2021/2022 financial year, the Welsh Government received £25.99 billion funding from a number of sources including the UK Government. An important aspect of the devolved settlement is that the funding received is not hypothecated by the UK Government for spend of any area, rather these are decisions for the Welsh Government and scrutinised by the Senedd.

The overall funding of Welsh Government is detailed within the second supplementary budget which can be found here: [2nd Supplementary Budget 2021 to 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)

2. The total funds authorised to be spent on healthcare in Wales are detailed within the documentation for the Welsh Government budget. The second supplementary budget for 2021/22 (link above) provides details of our planned spend on Health and Social Services.
3. The Country and Regional analysis published by HM Treasury provides detailed comparisons of public expenditure on various services between the regions and nations of the United Kingdom. The most recent publication covers up to the 2021/22 financial year and can be found here: [Country and regional analysis: 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

It shows that relative expenditure per person on Health and Social services in Wales during 2021/22 was 14% higher than that in England.

4. The Welsh Government does not hold any information to enable the accuracy of the claim to be verified from the comparison quoted. As set out above funding is not

provided specifically for expenditure on healthcare and we are unable to speculate on the sources of information for the claim.

### **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](mailto: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,