

Dear

ATISN 17171 – New Treatment Fund

Thank you for your e-mail to the Welsh Government requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), received on 16 February 2023. You requested the following:

- 1. Please can the Department of Health and Social Services supply the value of funding allocated for the New Treatment Fund for calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 or if the data is held by financial year, financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.*
- 2. Please can the Department of Health and Social Services supply the value of expenditure on the New Treatment Fund for calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 or if the data is held by financial year, financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.*
- 3. Does the Department of Health and Social Services government use Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access (VPAS) monies to fund the New Treatments Fund? If so, please can the Department of Health and Social Services supply (in absolute terms and as a % of total VPAS monies received by the Scottish government) for calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, or if the data is held by financial year, financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.*

Our Response

1. Funding of £16m per year has been made available across all Health Boards and NHS Trusts in NHS Wales for each of the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
2. Local health boards do not report direct expenditure against the New Treatment Fund to the Welsh Government.
3. The Welsh Government does not use income received from the Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access (VPAS) to fund the New Treatment Fund.

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,