

Dear

ATISN 26520 – Prisoner Healthcare

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 19 December 2025.

You requested the following:

- *Confirm how much funding was given to Welsh Government by the UK Government for prisoner healthcare in Wales in 2024/25. If this total is the same as response provided to ATISN 20106 (email on 19 February 2024), confirm what this total figure was.*

Our Response

As stated in our previous response the Welsh Government does not receive funding from the UK Government for prisoner healthcare on an annual basis. In 2014-15 the Welsh Government received a recurrent transfer into the Welsh Block of £2.544m to support prisoner healthcare in public prisons in Wales. No additional specific funding has been provided to Welsh Government (by the UK Government) for prison healthcare.

The Welsh Government receives its allocation for devolved healthcare budgets from the UK Government. NHS allocations are then made to the seven Local Health Boards (LHBs) in Wales and the prison population is included in population estimates used as a basis to determine the percentage shares of NHS allocations across LHBs in Wales. For the most part, it is therefore a matter for LHBs to determine the funding allocation to prisons in their areas; but there are some exceptions.

Some health boards have direct funding arrangements in place with HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) for prison health care. This includes for HMP Berwyn as a relatively new prison, and HMP Parc which is a privately run prison. For example, primary care at HMP Parc is funded through a memorandum of understanding between HMPPS and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB. For HMP Berwyn, there is a memorandum of understanding between the Welsh Government, HMPPS and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. In these cases, there is more flexibility to agree some elements of funding locally to meet needs.

Any queries regarding the funding received for HMP Berwyn or HMP Parc would need to be directed to the relevant health board or HM Prison and Probation Service.

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,