

Dear

ATISN 26660 – Centre for Mental Health and Society

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 4 February 2026 regarding the Centre for Mental Health and Society.

You requested the following:

1. *Which department Commissioned CfMHS via Sêr Cymru to do this work ('this work' has been taken to mean the SOCAP research project)?*
2. *How much was paid?*
3. *What resources did Sêr Cymru provide funding [for]?*

Our Response

1. The open call for applications for funding under Sêr Cymru III's Tackling Covid-19 phase was advertised in June 2020 on the ExpertiseWales website, as usual. It was a condition that a Welsh University led any project applying for funding and Professor Peter Huxtable of Bangor University applied, as the principal researcher for this SOCAP project. After the normal Sêr Cymru review processes the application was successful. We have no knowledge of a Department of any organisation commissioning CfMHS to do this research.
2. This Sêr Cymru III Tackling Covid-19 project was awarded £57,731 of funding, for a period between 1/11/2020 – 30/04/2021. Due to late starting and some operational difficulties, only £51,215.13 was paid in the end. We understand that any further funding would come from Bangor University. Information relating to the project was published [here](#) and [here](#).
3. The Sêr Cymru funding provided for staff costs, some small equipment spends and T&S costs.

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

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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
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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,