

Dear

ATISN 27132 – Paediatric Services

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 24 June 2026, relating to paediatric obesity, paediatric endocrinology, and paediatric metabolic services in Wales.

You requested the following information:

1. *Copies of any national strategies, service specifications, commissioning guidance, or policy documents relating to paediatric obesity services in Wales produced in the last 10 years.*
2. *Copies of any business cases, needs assessments, or internal reports held by Welsh Government relating to the provision or development of paediatric obesity, paediatric metabolic, or paediatric endocrinology services in Wales.*
3. *Details of any funding allocated by Welsh Government in the last 10 years for:*
 - *paediatric obesity services*
 - *paediatric metabolic services*
 - *paediatric endocrinology services, including the health boards receiving the funding.*
4. *Confirmation of whether Welsh Government has issued any requirements or expectations to health boards regarding the provision of paediatric obesity services, and if so, please provide copies of the relevant documents.*
5. *Any correspondence between Welsh Government and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB in the last 5 years relating to:*
 - *paediatric obesity*
 - *paediatric metabolic or endocrine services*
 - *service gaps or unmet need out-of-area referrals for children with obesity-related complications.*
6. *Any data or reports held by Welsh Government on the prevalence of obesity in children aged 0–16 in Wales, including any breakdowns by health board or local authority.*

Our Response

We can confirm that Welsh Government holds information that is captured by your request. However, from my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of our electronic filing system. Our initial searches of electronic files has identified at least

12,594 documents of various sizes and complexity that may relate to your request. Each of these documents would need to be manually reviewed to consider whether they are wholly or partially within scope of your request. If each review takes at least 20 seconds, this would take approximately 70 hours.

Following considering the regulations and applying the timescales for review, we have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested as it exceeds the appropriate limit as set out in the regulations.

Your request is asking for information spanning 5-10 years and you may wish to refine your request by being more specific about the time frame and what specific information you particularly wish to obtain by date subject issue and organisation– this should include any dates or specific period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

In terms of paediatric endocrinology, this is commissioned by the Joint Commissioning Committee and its funding and delivery are not the Welsh Government's responsibility, you may wish to contact them directly [here](#) for the information.

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,