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Dear ,

ATISN 10722: Autistic Spectrum Strategic Action Plan for Gwynedd and/or Gwynedd and Anglesey, 2008-2016

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 4 September. You requested copies of the following information:

In each case, you have requested information regarding Gwynedd Council and/or both Gwynedd Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council (the council(s)). You have also requested that should we not hold the information ourselves, we confirm whether Gwynedd should hold it based on the information it provides to us.

- The amount of this year's revenue grant we are expecting the council(s) to spend on the ASD SAP, and the intended benefit. This information should include targets and timescales.
 - The official(s) within the Welsh Government responsible at both an operational and senior management level for monitoring effective progress against these targets and timescales by each authority.
 - Information held by the Welsh Government regarding the funding for the council(s), identifying when the funding is allocated jointly and for which projects or schemes it is allocated.
1. A copy of the Gwynedd ASD SAP Plan 2010
 2. Confirmation of the Welsh Assembly Government statement of 2010 that every local authority had an ASD SAP at that time?
 3. The person with overall responsibility for Gwynedd's ASD SAP
 4. The name of the newly appointed ASD Employment Ambassador for Gwynedd?
 5. The name of the ASD lead in each year from 2008 to 2016 and whether this person still in post as ASD Lead



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

6. The duties of the ASD lead for Gwynedd?
7. Whether the 2016 Gwynedd ASD SAP, which is now being drafted, will be available for public consultation before or after the WAG 2016 Revised ASD SAP is published later this year

ASD Stakeholders

1. Meeting dates for 'The Gwynedd and Anglesey Planning and Stakeholder Group'.
2. Meeting dates for the 'The Gwynedd ASD Stakeholder Group'.
3. The names and official titles/job titles/positions held/ area of interest in ASD of the members of past and present stakeholder groups between 2008 and the present day.
4. The process for selecting members
5. The person(s) responsible for recruiting members
6. Minutes of all ASD SAP stakeholder meetings during the period 2008–2015 with dates and names of attendees.
7. Minutes of all other ASD SAP advisory group meetings during the period 2008-2015 with dates and names of attendees.
8. The names of those who chair these meetings?
9. Following the disbanding of the Gwynedd stakeholder group, the timescale for selecting a new stakeholder group be selected, by whom, and details of group members by name, job title/ position held/ area of interest in ASD?

WAG annual ASD Grant Funding

10. The progress reports sent by Gwynedd to the WAG for approval of the funding for the ASD SAP each year from 2008 to 2015.
11. The 'WAG grant offer letters' for those periods.
12. The WAG letters of approval for the same periods.
13. Details of the amount of funding Gwynedd received for each year of the ASD SAP from 2008 to 2016, the years this was combined with Anglesey's funding and how much that was each year.
14. In each case, the intended benefit of the funding provided, giving targets and timescales.
15. How the funding for each scheme/service/support was effectively implemented
16. Details of what payments were made by Gwynedd to external organisations between 2008 and 2016, the names of the organisations they are, what service they were intended to provide and if they had WAG approval.
17. Details of the schemes set up locally to **specifically** support persons on the Spectrum, broken down by area; i.e. Merioneth, Dwyfor, Gwynedd, Gwynedd and Anglesey or North Wales, by age group, diagnosed or undiagnosed, actual diagnosis i.e. autism, Asperger's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder, high functioning autism, ASD, ASC, etc. and if they had WAG approval.
18. Details of how the 2010-2013 grant for the specific purpose of developing service and support for adults with autism across Wales was spent for each year, which adults with autism it supported, broken down by diagnoses (as in 18 above), age, and whether they were receiving another service or not, and if the schemes had WAG approval.

ASD Support and services since records began

19. The number of adults with an ASD in North Wales with recorded unmet needs, broken down by area, i.e. Gwynedd, Merioneth, Dwyfor, North Wales and by diagnoses i.e. autism, Asperger's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder, high functioning autism, ASD, ASC, etc.
20. The sources used to carry out this monitoring project to obtain these numbers, i.e. GPs, Social Services, Mental Health Services, LEAs, individual requests for assessment whether successful or not, individual requests for services and/or support whether successful or not etc.
21. The number of adults with an ASD in North Wales broken down by area as above and by diagnoses as above who have or do not have an accompanying learning disability and/or mental health problem, who are receiving support and the level of support they are each receiving and those who are not receiving support.
22. The number of adults with an ASD, Asperger's Syndrome or diagnosis as above in Gwynedd who have been refused support as ineligible, detailed annually from 2008 to the present.
23. The numbers of adults with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, and whether the diagnosis was made before or since the ASD SAP, and in or out of Gwynedd, receiving or not receiving support and/or services.
24. The number of adults in Gwynedd with an ASD broken down by diagnoses as above, who are diagnosed and are receiving a service.
25. The number of adults in Gwynedd with an ASD, broken down by diagnoses as above, who are diagnosed and are not receiving support.
26. The number of all adults in Gwynedd with ASD, broken down by diagnoses as above not receiving a service and recorded as having unmet needs.
27. The number of adults with an ASD in Gwynedd who are receiving support from a person who has undergone ASD training, and those who are not, broken down by diagnoses as above.

Community Monitoring and Support Project

28. The full details of this project and also the number of (other) projects that were developed for adults with high functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome in Gwynedd including how the joint funding with Anglesey was spent.
29. Details of who holds the post of Community Support worker: their name, job title/position held and dates the CMS post was held.
30. Details of the adults this project has supported, broken down by age group, diagnosis, whether from a register or list or from a request from an individual, whether already receiving a service or support from LD or MH.
31. An explanation as to how adults, who were not previously receiving any support so are not on any register but who qualified for this project, were identified and contacted for the project? For an adult to request support from this project they would need to know about it. Details as to where information about this project was or is available to the public other than to adults with an ASD post diagnosis.
32. The name of the register of adults with an ASD in Gwynedd and who holds it in order to check for a name on the register through an FOIA subject access request.
33. Details of the relevant agencies to which an adult with an ASD would be directed that could provide a service for an adult with an ASD, and if any of these are ASD specific with names and contact details of those that are, and if they had WAG approval.

34. Details of which of these relevant agencies, if any, are receiving or have received funding from the WAG ASD grant for all or any of their services/support.
35. The progress reports sent to the WAG each year regarding this project.
36. Besides the appointment of a key worker, what else CMP funding was used for in Gwynedd and whether this had WAG approval.
37. Where Gwynedd proposes to spend the remainder of the 2015/2016 funding for the CMP now the key worker is no longer in post and has not been replaced and will this meet with WAG approval

You have requested information about the different diagnoses for individuals on the Autistic Spectrum where these have been recorded.

The Welsh Government believes 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.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information in circumstances where it estimates the cost of compliance would exceed "the appropriate limit". The appropriate limit is defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. In the case of the Welsh Government the limit is set at £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time (at a standard rate of £25 per hour) the limit will have been exceeded.

Your request is very broad in scope and seeks information covering the last nine years, and across a number of departments in the Welsh Government. In conducting a preliminary search of electronic records held just by the Health and Social Services department on autism, we have identified that at least 15 files would need to be checked, each holding on average 40 documents. We could therefore be potentially dealing with 600 documents. A sample exercise shows that 3 minutes on average would be required to check each document to see if it contains any information from your request. This would mean that it would take over 30 hours to complete and this is without investigating our email records covering the whole of the period or our hard files for the period before 2009.

For these reasons I have concluded that your request should be refused on the basis that it exceeds the appropriate limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or 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.

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.

The e-mail address is: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at:

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,