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Dear ,

ATISN 11219 – St David’s Foundation Hospice In-Patient Unit, Newport

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 30 March.

You asked for information in relation to the in-patient unit currently being built by St David’s Foundation in Newport, specifically:

1. How much public money has been granted towards the cost of the unit?
2. Was this capital funding or revenue funding?
3. What due diligence was carried out to establish the sustainability of the unit?
4. If capital funding was provided, how was on-going revenue funding investigated to ensure the project is sustainable?
5. Has any other public funding been allocated to this project e.g. Health Board Funding?
6. How has the Welsh Government established that this is an appropriate model for the provision of in-patient specialist palliative care, and how has it ensured it meets the needs of all residents living in the five boroughs of Gwent.

The Welsh Government holds information of this description and it is enclosed at Annex A of this letter.

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 the response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:



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• Health and Social Services Group
Parc Cathays • Cathays Park
Caerdydd • Cardiff • CF10 3NQ

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Information Rights Unit
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Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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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
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,

Annex A

1. How much public money has been granted towards the cost of the unit?

In April 2015, St David's Hospice Care (SDHC) were awarded £3 million over two financial years – 2015-16 and 2016-17.

2. Was this capital funding or revenue funding?

The funding was all capital funding and I enclose a copy of the funding approval letter.



Letter of support -
ABM Health Board.pdf

<<Doc 1>>

3. What due diligence was carried out to establish the sustainability of the unit?

The Health and Social Services Finance Division undertook a Due Diligence Review in June 2015, a copy of the review is enclosed.



Due Diligence
Review.pdf

<<Doc 2>>

A letter of support was also received from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in November 2014 confirming the health board looked forward to working with SDHC and fully supported the development; a copy of the letter is enclosed.



Funding Approval
Letter.pdf

<<Doc 3>>

The business case was also reviewed by the Health and Social Services Infrastructure Investment Board (IIB) in March 2015 where SDHC provided a presentation on the project and IIB subsequently agreed that the project should receive Welsh Government support. A copy of the SDHC Business Case is enclosed.



SDHC Business Case
for In-Patient Unit No

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4. If capital funding was provided, how was on-going revenue funding investigated to ensure the project is sustainable?

Sustainability of the project was considered as part of the scrutiny of the SDHC Business Case.

5. Has any other public funding been allocated to this project e.g. Health Board Funding?

No further Welsh Government funding was allocated to the project.

6. How has the Welsh Government established that this is an appropriate model for the provision of in-patient specialist palliative care, and how has it ensured it meets the needs of all residents living in the five boroughs of Gwent.

The SDHC Business Case was reviewed by Welsh Government officials who oversee Health Care Policy including Palliative Care across Wales and it was considered that the proposals met the end of life care needs for South East Wales. This is supported by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's end of life care strategy 2013- 2016.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/866/2.13%20Delivering%20End%20of%20Life%20Care%202013-2016.pdf>

As well as Welsh Government's "Together for Health"- Delivering End of Life Care - A Delivery Plan for NHS Wales and its Partners up to 2016.

<http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/130416careen.pdf>