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8 May 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – reference ATISN 12227

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which I received on 9 April.

You asked for information in relation to what support has been provided for people with young onset dementia since 2011 specifically:

1. The amount of funding provided for improving access to specialist care for people with young onset dementia from 2011-12 through to 2017-18 financial year, broken down by each financial year.
2. Any details of monitoring undertaken by Welsh Government regarding the implementation of these services and the proper usage of this funding by responsible bodies, such as local health boards and local authorities from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2018.

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

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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. The amount of funding provided for improving access to specialist care for people with young onset dementia from 2011-12 through to 2017-18 financial year, broken down by each financial year.

The establishment of a young onset dementia service was an ambition set out in the Welsh Government's *National Dementia Vision for Wales* (2011) and, since 2011-12, we have provided health boards with annual funding of £500,000 to establish specific services for young onset dementia.

The original release of this money in 2011-12 was subject to Welsh Government approval of bids. From 2013/14 we have included this funding within Local Health Boards (LHBs) ring fenced mental health allocation. The total ring fenced funding forms a floor below which expenditure on core mental health services must not fall. The NHS are required to submit information on their programme budgeting spend, which is reviewed to ensure that the minimum floor on mental health services is being achieved by all organisations.

2. Any details of monitoring undertaken by Welsh Government regarding the implementation of these services and the proper usage of this funding by responsible bodies, such as local health boards and local authorities from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2018.

Progress reports were provided by health boards to Welsh Government between October and December 2011, these are included in the table below. Welsh Government expects LHBs to continue to provide young onset dementia services and no further monitoring was undertaken.

Health Board	Summary of application
Aneurin Bevan	Funding used in two ways. Extension of services provided by the Alzheimer's Society, including direct befriending and support and co-ordination of social and carers groups. Additional staff appointed was to ensure equitable service across region (and included South Powys) Secondly, a Young Onset Dementia Nurse Specialist appointed to cover ABHB and link in with the befriending scheme.
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg	Funding utilised to develop team, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant Psychiatrist – 0.1 wte (= 1 session) - Clinical Psychologist – 0.5 wte (= 5 sessions) - Community Psychiatric Nurse – 0.4 wte (= 4 sessions) - Occupational Therapist – 0.5 wte (= 5 sessions)
Betsi Cadwaladr	Band 6 practitioners for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Ynys Mon & North Gwynedd, • 1 South Gwynedd & North Powys, • 1 Conwy & Denbighshire 1/9/11. (Band 6 practitioners for Wrexham and Flintshire already in place).
Cardiff and Vale	1.0 Band 6 Dementia Care Advisor Younger Onset

	<p>Dementia and 1.5 Band 3 Health Care Support Workers appointed.</p> <p>These appointees work alongside 0.4 Clinical Lead (Nurse Consultant) sessions and 0.1 Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist session to form a team.</p> <p>These staff members work alongside the Alzheimer's Society 0.5 Information and Support Officer and 0.5 Family Support Worker and the Cardiff Memory Team to form a Younger Onset Dementia Community Service.</p>
Cwm Taf	Band 6 Young Onset Dementia Coordinator and Extension of Befriending Manager time.
Hywel Dda	<p>Lead for Young Onset Dementia Service (0.4wte Band 8c)</p> <p>Two Occupational Therapy posts: each Band 6 0.2wte (Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion).</p> <p>0.2 wte Band 5 (whilst Band 6 recruitment underway).</p> <p>Administrative support (0.2wte Band 3)</p>