

21 August 2024

Dear

ATISN 20797 - Breakdown of funding for new social care provision in Wales

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which we received on 24 July 2024. You referred to the funding of £68m made available, as part of the commitment to eliminate profit from the care of looked after children, for the development of new residential and foster care provision for local authorities during 2022 to 2025 and requested the following:

- *Who the funding was allocated to and for what purpose for 2022/23 and 2023/24. This should include:*
 - *Which local authorities received funding and the amount of funding received per local authority, broken down by the funding received per project / bid*
 - *The overview of the service / project this was awarded for*
 - *Details on when the services are to become operational / functional and which services have already been delivered*
- *Details on the planned allocations for 2024/25, broken down in the same way as the above*
- *Details of local authorities who bid and were unsuccessful. This should include:*
 - *The amount of funding that was bid for*
 - *The service / project that was proposed*
 - *Why the bid was unsuccessful*

Our Response

The £68 million was revenue funding intended to complement existing capital funding streams available to local authorities. The funding comprised:

- up to £46m to help support local authorities to expand their capacity and capability to:
 - develop in-house/not for profit residential and foster care provision; and/or
 - expand existing in-house/not for profit residential and foster care provision.
- up to £22m to support local authorities to radically reform services for looked after children and care leavers.

The funding allocations were as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Eliminating Profit	£10m	£16m	£20m
Radical Reform	£3m	£10m	£9m

We have attached a table at annex 1 to respond to your questions. This sets out the funding applications and allocations by local authority over the 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 financial years alongside an overview of the services/project funded. Where available

details of the current status of the services/projects have also been included. Please note not all local authorities submitted proposals for both elements of the funding.

There were no unsuccessful bids as all local authorities received a level of funding, although in respect of two local authorities (Pembrokeshire and Caerphilly) some minor elements of the proposals were not funded as it was felt these did not fully align with the aims and objectives of the funding.

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,