

10 September 2024

Dear

### **ATISN 20901 – Shared Care**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 03 September 2024. You have requested the following:

- 1. The amount of money spent by the Welsh NHS in 2023/24 on over-the-counter drugs (including paracetamol, aspirin and ibuprofen).*
- 2. The amount spent by the Welsh NHS on prescriptions for the common cold, acute rhinosinusitis and acute bronchitis.*
- 3. The amount spent by the Welsh NHS on Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) medicines in 2023/24.*
- 4. The number of caesarean (C-section) delivered births in the Welsh NHS in 2023/24 relative to the total number of delivered births in the Welsh NHS over the same time period.*

### **Our Response**

#### **Q1 and Q2**

The latest information Welsh Government holds regarding the amount of money spent by the Welsh NHS on all medicines prescribed and dispensed in primary care is published on the Welsh Government's website at [Primary care prescriptions: interactive dashboard | GOV.WALES](#). Data are available for the financial years 2001/02 to 2022/23. Information regarding the legal classification and the indication for which a medicine was prescribed are not held by the Welsh Government.

#### **Q3**

The latest information the Welsh Government holds on the amount spent by the Welsh NHS on Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) medicines is available at [Primary care prescriptions: interactive dashboard | GOV.WALES](#).

**Q4** The latest data that we hold is available in our [2023 statistical bulletin](#) and [relevant StatsWales cube](#) .

In 2023 there were 26,718 deliveries in Wales, of which 9,957 were from caesarean section (4,463 elective and 5,494 emergency).

Digital Health and Care Wales collect and maintain the maternity indicators database and you may wish to contact them for further information. I have provided their contact details below:

#### **Digital Health and Care Wales**

Tŷ Glan-yr-Afon,  
21 Cowbridge Road East,  
Cardiff, CF11 9AD

Email: [Freedom of Information Requests](#)

## 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](mailto: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,