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Integrated Autism Service in Wales

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 08 July 2018 in which you requested information regarding the Integrated Autism Service in Wales, your clarification that you are seeking **'the report that shows how the £13million is spent as part of developing the National Autism Strategy'** and your further clarification dated 11 July 2018, which I have set out below together with our corresponding responses.

Please note that we are not involved in specific work on the Integrated Autism Service, but we are carrying out an all-Wales review of the Integrated Care Fund, which is examining whether 'The Integrated Care Fund is being used effectively to deliver sustainable services that achieve better outcomes for services users?' Our review is considering the following and we are hoping to complete and publish our report by early 2019:

- Is the Welsh Government effectively managing the ICF to deliver against its intentions?
- Can Regional Partnership Boards demonstrate effective oversight of ICF?
- Are projects funded by ICF managed effectively to make a clear difference at a local level?

Whilst we are not looking in detail at individual ICF funded projects we have collected some financial information as shown in our response below.

- 1. How much money has been given/is budgeted to be given to autism services between 2015-2022. Please detail what money has been allocated, the organisation(s) involved and provide any reports/successful tender documents.**

We do not hold information matching this description.

- 2. How much money has been given/is budgeted to support the development of the Integrated Autism Service 2015-2022. Please detail what money has been allocated, the organisation(s) involved and provide any reports/successful tender documents.**

We hold some information in relation to funding allocations for the Integrated Autism Services across Wales from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) as shown on the table below:

Regional Partnership Board area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Cardiff and Vale	204,000	367,000	367,000
Cwm Taf	204,000	367,000	367,000
Greater Gwent	249,000	458,400	458,000
North Wales	-	508,800	652,000
Powys	188,000	336,800	337,000
West Wales	-	318,200	398,000
Western Bay	-	318,200	398,000
TOTAL	845,000	3,000,000	3,000,000

A further £325,600 was held centrally by the Welsh Government through the WLGA for 2017-18, and £23,000 for 2018-19.

3. Please break down the tendering process for all monies given to autism services/service development 2015-2022.

We do not hold information matching this description.

We are aware that there has been an evaluation of autism services which looks at the early impact of the Integrated Autism Service which may be of interest and this is available here: [Evaluation of the Integrated Autism Service and Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan](#). This report mentions that there is a fuller evaluation planned for publication in early 2019.

You may also contact the Welsh Government and information about how to make a request is available at: www.gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/requesting-information-from-welsh-government/?lang=en

In addition, you could contact the Health Boards and Local Authorities that may have information about funding, budgets, spend and tendering/contract information for autism services. Information about how to do this should be available on their web pages under Freedom of Information.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

