

John Morley (Public Health Wales)

From: FOI (Public Health Wales)
Subject: FW: Information Request
Importance: High

In regard to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Public Health Wales has considered the request for information very carefully. We have considered a range of ways in which we may be able to provide the information requested. However, the structure of our budgets and services mean that this has not been possible.

We take an integrated approach to improving and protecting the health of the population that considers the determinants of health. These are often common to mental and physical health outcomes – as an illustration alcohol consumption can contribute to both physical health problems such as liver disease and mental health problems such as alcohol dependency. It is not possible for us to apportion expenditure therefore to physical and mental health separately.

A further challenge is that our budgets are constructed on a functional basis, for example our Public Health Observatory which produces information and evidence to inform action to improve health and health services will undertake work relating to both mental and physical health from within the same team. This work will vary from year to year.

Taking this into account, in relation to your specific requests, we do not hold financial information on:

- a) The total budget allocated to public mental health services for the financial year 2013-14 or 2014 - 15
- b) The total budget allocated to physical health services for the financial year 2013-14 or 2014 - 15
- c) The total amount of staffing that we have dedicated to public mental health with your public health team
- d) Public Health Wales has 1472 staff in total.

I am sorry we were not able to provide the information you requested and under the duty to assist and advise, if you would like any further information on our work relating to Mental Health and Mental Illness, or further explanations on how Public Health Wales' teams work. Sue Mably Consultant in Public Health co-ordinates this area of work (sue.mably2@wales.nhs.uk). Sue is willing to meet with you or the specific assembly member you are researching for in this case.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the

Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 14 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9LJ

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales
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CF10 2HH
Telephone: 029 2067 8400
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Kind regards

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