

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.19898.26
<b>Subject:</b>	Dyfed Drug & Alcohol Service (DDAS)
<b>Date of Request:</b>	11 April 2026

**Requested:**

Please provide the following information relating to the Dyfed Drug and Alcohol Service (DDAS), commissioned through the Hywel Dda Area Planning Board:

1. The total annual funding allocated to DDAS for each of the last five financial years, broken down by year.
2. A breakdown of all funding sources contributing to DDAS, including (but not limited to):
  - Welsh Government Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF)
  - Local authority contributions
  - Hywel Dda University Health Board
  - Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner
  - Ministry of Justice / HMPs
  - Any other UK Government or grant funding streams
3. The total contract value awarded to the Barod-led consortium for delivery of DDAS.
4. Any additional uplift, contingency, or supplementary funding provided to DDAS outside the core contract.
5. Copies of any contract award notices, tender summaries, or commissioning documents relating to DDAS.
6. The operational cost of running the Llanelli DDAS operation.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has considered the application of an exemption under Section 43 of the FoIA to question 3 and 4, as it relates to third party information and disclosure would be prejudicial to their commercial interests. Section 43(2) exempts information, where disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any company.

Commercial interests may be prejudiced where disclosure would, or would be likely to:

- Weaken a company's position in a competitive environment by revealing market sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors
- Damage a company's business reputation or the confidence that customers/users, suppliers or investors may have in it.

This exemption is qualified; therefore, even if information falls within Section 43, public authorities must then apply the public interest test set out in Section 2(2)(b).

The information can only be withheld if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The UHB has therefore considered the following:

**In favour of disclosure:** There is a public interest in transparency and in the accountability of public funds. Furthermore, it is in the public's interest that public funds be used effectively and that public sector bodies obtain the best value for money when contracting for the provision of services.

**Against Disclosure:** Disclosure of this information would have a direct impact on and cause substantial harm to UHB's relationship with other public bodies, as it would disclose details of the third-party funding and tender process. There is an expectation that this would be likely to damage their ability to work within a highly competitive sector. The information being requested is likely to be used by competitors to gain a competitive advantage or could impede the UHB's ability to negotiate further terms should this be required in the future.

**Decision:** The UHB has considered that releasing the information under the FoIA, to which the UHB is subject, would undermine and potentially impact the UHB's relationship with the third party. The UHB believes that there is a wider established public interest in companies not being prejudiced merely because they have contracted with other public sector bodies, and that there is a public interest in ensuring that there is competition for public sector contracts when new tender processes go live. Additionally, in providing the additional funding requested for question 4 separately, this can be used with other information provided to calculate the contract costs.

Therefore, the public interest in withholding these details outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

1. The UHB provides within the table below, the total annual funding allocated to DDAS by all contributors, during the 2021-22 to 2025-26 financial years.

Financial Year	Amount
2021-22	£1,596,344.23
2022-23	£1,650,469.64
2023-24	£1,695,569.81
2024-25	£1,659,240.60
2025-26	£1,866,652.00

2. The UHB provides within the tables below, a breakdown of all funding sources that contributed to DDAS, including any additional funding, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

Contributor	2021/22	2022/23
Welsh Government (WG) - Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF)	£735,293.00	£866,455.64
SMAF Ringfenced Counselling	£33,180.00	£33,180.00
UHB	£269,954.23	£192,917.00
Ceredigion County Council (CCC)	£34,000.00	£34,000.00
Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC)	£37,500.00	£37,500.00
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	£215,000.00	£215,000.00
HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS)	£271,417.00	£271,417.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,596,344.23</b>	<b>£1,650,469.64</b>

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
WG - SMAF	£820,555.81	£784,226.60	£828,273.00
SMAF Ringfenced Counselling	£33,180.00	£33,180.00	£33,180.00
HDUHB	£283,917.00	£283,917.00	£380,430.00
CCC	£34,000.00	£34,000.00	£34,000.00
PCC	£37,500.00	£37,500.00	£37,500.00
OPCC	£215,000.00	£215,000.00	£248,411.00
HMPPS	£271,417.00	£271,417.00	£304,858.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,695,569.81</b>	<b>£1,659,240.60</b>	<b>£1,866,652.00</b>

3. An exemption under Section 43 of the FoIA has been applied as this is a current contract and will be out for re-tender imminently.
4. An exemption under Section 43 of the FoIA has been applied as providing this information separately would enable the calculation of the contract costs for question 3. However, the additional funding has been included in the total provided for question 2.
5. The UHB is unable to provide you with this information as it is not held. The contract award notices, tender summaries and commissioning documents relating to the current DDAS contract are managed and held by Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC). We would therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Team at PCC who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details are as follows:  
  
Freedom of Information Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email [FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)
6. The UHB is unable to provide you with this information as it is not held. The UHB are not involved with the day-to-day operational running of DDAS, as the service is delivered by Barod. The DDAS contract has a provision for running costs and a percentage of these costs must be used for staffing. However, the UHB do not hold any further details on these costs.