

Reference:	FOI6878.21
Subject:	Spending on services for the deaf and blind
Date of Request:	14 September 2021

Requested:

1. What was the spending per financial year on services for the deaf and blind – such as British Sign Language (BSL) and Braille – for your organisation in each of the following financial years:

2015/2016
2016/2017
2017/2018
2018/2019
2019/2020

2. As a response to my previous FOI (5175), you have provided me with the spending on translation and interpreting (excluding BSL). Can you please let me know if those figures included Welsh? If not, please provide the spending for Welsh (translation and interpreting - whether separately or together) for each of the following financial years:

2015/2016
2016/2017
2017/2018
2018/2019
2019/2020

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the spend for deaf and blind services, for the financial years requested.

Financial year	Deaf	Blind	Total
2015/16	£19,432.47	£0.00	£19,432.47
2016/17	£13,668.10	£0.00	£13,668.10
2017/18	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2018/19	£1,467.63	£280.30	£1,747.93
2019/20	£34,356.64	£2,501.73	£36,858.37

2. The UHB confirms that the spend provided in response to FOI 5175 did not include translation and interpreting in Welsh.

Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the spend for Welsh translation and interpreting services, for the financial years requested.

Financial year	Oral	Written
2015/16	£0.00	£21,244.03
2016/17	£0.00	£37,664.77
2017/18	£0.00	£44,724.79
2018/19	£0.00	£44,697.97
2019/20	£0.00	£69,600.87