

Reference:	FOI.20775.26
Subject:	Tier 4 Substance Misuse funding
Date of Request:	18 June 2026

Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to Welsh Government ring-fenced Tier 4 Substance Misuse funding allocated to your Area Planning Board for each of the following financial years:

- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25
- 2025/26

For each financial year, please provide:

1. The total amount of Welsh Government ring-fenced Tier 4 Substance Misuse funding allocated to the APB.
2. The total amount spent on residential rehabilitation placements for individuals with substance misuse needs.
3. The number of individuals funded for residential rehabilitation placements.
4. The total amount spent on inpatient detoxification placements.
5. The number of individuals funded for inpatient detoxification placements.
6. The total amount transferred to, retained by, or spent through Health Board-operated services, together with a breakdown of:
 - a. the service funded;
 - b. the amount allocated or spent;
 - c. whether the service was delivered directly by the Health Board or commissioned externally.
7. The total amount spent on any other activity, service, project or intervention funded from the Tier 4 allocation, with a breakdown of:
 - a. the activity or service funded;
 - b. the amount allocated or spent;
 - c. the provider or delivery body, where applicable.
8. Any unspent Tier 4 funding remaining at the end of each financial year, including whether this funding was:
 - a. returned to Welsh Government;
 - b. carried forward;
 - c. reallocated to another purpose;
 - d. retained within the APB or Health Board.

9. Any written criteria, guidance, decision-making framework or local policy used by the APB to determine how Tier 4 funding is allocated or spent, including criteria for residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification funding.

I would be grateful if the information could be provided in the following format:

Financial Year	Total Tier 4 Allocation	Residential Rehabilitation Spend	Number Funded for Residential Rehabilitation	Inpatient Detoxification Spend	Number Funded for Inpatient Detoxification	Health Board Services Spend	Other Spend	Unspent Balance	Notes / Breakdown
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For the purposes of this request, please treat residential rehabilitation, inpatient detoxification, Health Board-operated services and other Tier 4-funded activity as separate categories wherever the information is held in that form.

Response:

- 1 - 8. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the requested information within Attachment 1.

Where the figures within the attachment have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR defines personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

9. The UHB confirms it does not have any criteria, guidance, decision-making framework or local policy to determine how Tier 4 funding is allocated or spent, including criteria for residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification funding, however, guidance is currently in development. Furthermore, the UHB does adhere to the national Substance Misuse Treatment Framework (SMTF) which is produced by Welsh Government (WG). A copy of this can be found at Attachment 2.