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Dear Lisa,

### **Re: Funding for Aberystwyth SARC development**

I write to confirm your agreed funding allocation for the hub (phase one) of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Aberystwyth.

Health boards, police forces, Police and Crime Commissioners, in partnership with the third sector, have agreed a new service model for the delivery of sexual assault referral services in South Wales, Dyfed Powys and Gwent. This will provide a more integrated service that is driven by the needs of victims and patients and supports the provision of services that meet clinical, forensic, quality and safety standards and guidance, and ensures robust governance arrangements.

The model will deliver a patient and victim centred sexual assault services with health needs as the key priority, to provide the best outcomes for victims of sexual violence, to be achieved through a health-led programme, with the NHS working in partnership with policing and others.

The agreed regional model is based on a hub and spoke approach with three adult sexual assault referral centre (SARC) hubs in Cardiff, Swansea and Aberystwyth and two paediatric SARC hubs in Cardiff and Swansea. The SARC hubs will also act as a spoke for the local population and will be supported by additional spokes in Risca, Merthyr Tydfil, Newtown and Carmarthen.

The new model has been staged in three phases:

- Phase 1 focuses on the implementation of the SARC hubs for children and adults and commissioning framework.
- Phase 2 is the implementation of the spokes which includes counselling, non-acute crisis workers and independent sexual violence advisors
- Phase 3 is the forensic medical examiner provision.

Following the agreements made from the Joint Commissioning Committee, Police Forces and Police and Crime Commissioners across South Wales, I am

pleased to confirm the funding allocation for the next three years as outlined in the table below.

The funding for the service will be reimbursed on an actuals basis with the first three quarters being paid in full and the final quarter to balance. The totality of the funds will be provided to the Health Board who will be responsible for contracting with New Pathways for the elements of the service they provide. The total amounts available are outlined in the table below.

	<b>23-24</b>	<b>24-25</b>	<b>25-26</b>
<b>Hub</b>	165	165	165
<b>Non-Pay</b>	63	176	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>341</b>

The current in year 23/24 new model additional costs incurred will be funded on actuals through invoices to the NCCU and then from 24/25 onwards the whole commissioner resource will be transferred into the new Joint Commissioning Committee and passed to providers on an actual costs basis as per the agreed funding model.

I have attached the full breakdown of funded posts and non-pay elements. If there is any further information please contact Jo Williams – [joanna.williams@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:joanna.williams@wales.nhs.uk) .

Yours sincerely



**Stephen Harray**  
**Chair Welsh Sexual Assault Service Board**

***Attachment: Funding Allocation detail***



WSAS Phase 1  
funding confirmation