

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_110_19

You asked:

I am writing to you to request information regarding the funding of treatment for alcohol and substance misuse in each local authority (or your equivalent to a Local Authority). After making enquiries to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, I have been told to forward this request to Cwm Taf University Health Board.

Please provide answers to the following eight questions for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf **separately**:

For all years please read this as 'financial year ending' or 'calendar year ending' whichever applies in your LA:

1. Is the budget for the treatment of addiction within the Adult Social Care budget? If not please state the relevant budgetary category of these services.

Funding for the treatment of addiction is managed via two sources. The Area Partnership Board (APB) hold the majority funding and allocate this to a range of organisations to provide services for the treatment of addiction. This funding is held and managed by Rhondda Cynon Taf Local authority as the designated banker for the APB. The second source of funding is through A Welsh government Grant "Substance Misuse Action Fund "(SMAF).

Since 2012 substance misuse services have been commissioned on a regional basis across Cwm Taf (Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil) and therefore information is not available for each Local Authority area.

Services for the support of gambling are not commissioned via these processes.

2. How much was spent on residential rehabilitation in treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years: 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

In line with RCT CBC retention policies information is only available from the financial year ending March 2014.

Financial year ending;

- 2014 £80,400
- 2015 £83,400
- 2016 £80,400
- 2017 £61,893
- 2018 £87.242
- 2019 £88,644

3. How much was spent on non-residential rehabilitation in treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

Non residential rehabilitation (day services) are not available in the Cwm Taf region.

4. Have you implemented any specific programs to prevent addiction?

Prevention of addiction is an integral part of the suite of SMAF funded services provided by substance misuse providers.

5. How much was spent on prevention of addiction in the following years: 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016/ 2017/2018

Prevention of addiction is part of a much wider commissioned services and as such a specific cost cannot be attributed to it.

6. What was the total spend on treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016/ 2017/2018. This figure should be a total of residential, non-residential treatment but must exclude prevention. If this is not possible to separate please indicate the same and include the available total. In the case that the budget provided includes spending on something other than residential and non-residential treatment, please specify this.

The total SMAF spend for treating addiction to illicit drugs and alcohol is as follows for the financial year ending:

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Financial year ending:

- 2014 £2,702,441
- 2015 £2,680,900
- 2016 £2,640,606
- 2017 £2,628,242
- 2018 £2,673,596
- 2019 £2,673,712

7. What is the current proposed budget for treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling until 2022 or as far forward as your records allow up to 2022?

The SMAF budget for 2019-20 for Cwm Taf (RCT and Merthyr Tydfil) is £2,971,097. SMAF funding is allocated on an annual basis in January of each year and therefore future expectations are not available.

8. How much was provided by way of the public health grant (or relevant funding source) in 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 /2012 /2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

The two sources of funding are outlined earlier.