

Question

Please provide answers to the following questions under Freedom of Information legislation:

- A breakdown of Northern Ireland's diagnosis rates for dementia by trust as a percentage since 2014 (so please provide rates for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016). Please provide this information under the following headings: 'Trust name'; 'Year'; 'Number of patients with dementia diagnosis', 'dementia diagnosis rate as a percentage'.
- The overall dementia diagnosis rate for Northern Ireland as a percentage since 2014 broken down by year (so please provide rates for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016).
- A breakdown of all the funding received by the department for the implementation of Northern Ireland's dementia strategy. (Please include source of funding, amount, date received and summary description of what the money should be used for. Please also identify if this funding was made available under the Delivering Social Change Programme or otherwise.)
- A breakdown of all the funding spent by the department for the implementation of Northern Ireland's dementia strategy. (Please include destination of funding, amount, date paid and summary description of what the money should be used for. Please also identify if this funding was made available under the Delivering Social Change Programme or otherwise.)

Response

Your first two queries on diagnosis rates for dementia were passed to the Department's Information Analysis Directorate to answer under normal business.

Please see below response in regard to your funding queries.

- The Department did not receive any funding for implementation of the regional dementia strategy, launched in 2011. Implementation of this strategy was led by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), and any available funding would have been provided by the Health and Social Care Board.

The Delivering Social Change dementia project was launched in 2014 and the budget allocation over the life time of the project was £6.25m. However, this allocation was shared across three bodies - Atlantic Philanthropies (40%); The Executive office (40%), and this Department (20%).

- As above - the Department did not spend any funding on implementation of the regional dementia strategy, launched in 2011. Any funding spent on this strategy would have been spent by the Health and Social Care Board.

The total funding spent on the Delivering Social Change dementia project (including funding spent across the three bodies), is as follows:

- 2014/15 - £167k
- 2015/16 - £375k
- 2016/17 - £2,265,551 (this is an estimated spend as we have not yet reached the end of the financial year).

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