

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-165	9 th May 2023
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I am writing on behalf of a registered charity dedicated to supporting elderly people in our local community. We are seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to enhance our understanding of the services available to older residents within your NHS's jurisdiction.

We kindly request information on the contracts you currently commission for the following services:

**Dementia Support
Hospital Discharge
Social Prescribing
Information and Advice Services
Advocacy
Carers Support
End of Life Care
Community Champions / Wellbeing Coordinators
Elderly Day Centre
Befriending
Footcare/toenail cutting
Non-Emergency Patient Transport
Bereavement Support
Digital Inclusion**

For each service, please provide the following information:

- a. Name of the service provider**
- b. The estimated expiry date/ month for the current contract**

Please find below the information requested.

	a. Name of the service provider	b. The estimated expiry date/ month for the current contract
Dementia Support	<p>Alzheimers Society Alzheimers Society ABUHB - OAMH ABUHB - Audiology Alzheimer's Society Blaenau Gwent Local Authority Caerphilly Local Authority Monmouthshire Local Authority Newport Local Authority Torfaen Local Authority Hospice of the Valleys</p>	<p>Projects delivered by these organisations within the Regional Partnership Board portfolio are currently funded up to 31st March 2024. In most circumstances we do not commission services, these organisations are in receipt of grant funding.</p>
Hospital Discharge	Age Cymru	To be determined
Social Prescribing	<p>Social prescribing – The Health Board does not commission social prescribing services, but there are a number of roles such as care navigators, link workers or community connectors, that link patients to community activities to support their physical and mental well-being. The Health Board receives grant funding through the Regional Integration Fund for the Integrated Wellbeing Networks programme (confirmed until April 2024) that creates the infrastructure for social prescribing. For example the IWN programme team and NCNs in Caerphilly have put funding into the Nature Wellbeing Caerphilly which is a social prescribing initiative aimed at connecting people with nature and being active in the outdoors improves people's health and</p>	N/A

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	wellbeing. https://www.naturewellbeing.wales/	
Information and Advice Services	Citizens Advice Gwent - Adult Mental Health Welfare Rights Advice	31/03/2024
Advocacy	Dexis CIL - Adult Mental Health Community Advocacy	31/03/2024
	Advocacy Support Cymru - South East Wales Independent Mental Health Capacity Advocacy (all Wales)	31/03/2024 with the option to extend for a further 12 months
	Advocacy Support Cymru - Independent Mental Health Advocacy (all Wales)	31/03/2025 with the option to extend for a further 24 months
	Blaenau Gwent Local Authority	Projects delivered by these organisations within the RPB portfolio are currently funded up to 31st March 2024. In most circumstances we do not commission services, these organisations are in

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		receipt of grant funding.
	Age Cymru Dementia Advocacy (National Project)	Projects delivered by these organisations within the RPB portfolio are currently funded up to 31st March 2024. In most circumstances we do not commission services, these organisations are in receipt of grant funding.
Carers Support	The Care Collective Hafal Blaenau Gwent Local Authority Caerphilly Local Authority Monmouthshire Local Authority Newport Local Authority Torfaen Local Authority	31/03/2024
End of Life Care	Etsmedical - Palliative Care Transport Service	31/07/2025 with the option to extend for a further 12 months
End of Life Care	St David's Hospice	31/03/2024

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Community Champions / Wellbeing Coordinators	The Integrated Wellbeing Networks programme, funded through the Regional Integration Fund (confirmed until April 2024), identifies and support Wellbeing Friends who live or work in the Gwent region. Wellbeing Friends are in specific geographical areas and provide an email address to receive information about what is going in their community. Details of wellbeing events, activities and services are sent directly to these individuals by email and this information is passed on to family, friends and wider social network within the community. There are currently over 750 individuals signed up as Wellbeing Friends and the 'word-of-mouth' sharing of messages is a very successful method of information particularly among digitally excluded communities.	Fund confirmed until April 2024
Elderly Day Centre	N/A	N/A
Befriending	Monmouthshire Local Authority - Bridges Centre	No end date
	The Health Board has a service - Ffrind i me.	No end date
Footcare/toenail cutting	N/A	N/A
Non-Emergency Patient Transport	Welsh Ambulance Services Trust	Commissioned by EASC on a rolling 1 year basis.
Bereavement Support	Cruse	N/A

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Digital Inclusion	The Health Board are working with Digital Health & Care Wales (DHCW) NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) to improve access for patients	N/A
Emergency Patient Transport	Welsh Ambulance Services Trust	Projects delivered by these organisations within the RPB portfolio are currently funded up to 31st March 2024. In most circumstances we do not commission services, these organisations are in receipt of grant funding.