



11th August 2022

Dear _____,

ATISN 16495 Discretionary Assistance Fund

Information requested:

Thank you for your request which I received on 22nd July 2022. You asked for:

Part A – Discretionary Assistance Fund - for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

- 1 – Total spend
- 2 – Broken down by Local Authority – Spend/Number of applications/Number of grants awarded
- 3 – Percentage of overall expenditure on furniture or white goods
4. Any additional funding/grants beyond the DAF in response to Covid 19 excluding self-isolation payments? If yes -- Name of scheme, total spend, number of grants awarded

Part B – Household Support Fund - referring to the £25m consequential that Welsh Government received from UK Government as part of the first tranche of funding from Autumn 2021 to March 2022

1. WG allocation for 2021/22
- 2 Distribution to local authorities including breakdown of allocation
- 3 Copy of guidance issued
- 4 Eligibility criteria to receive support from this fund
- 5 Approximate percentages (or the amount in £) indicating what this fund was spent on
 - a. Targeted direct grants to recipients of the following benefits (please specify these below)
 - i. Free School Meals %

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- ii. Universal Credit %
- iii. Council Tax Support %
- iv. Tax Credit %
- v. Discretionary Housing Payments %
- vi. Other (please specify) %
- b. Additional funding for your DAF scheme (as set out in Part A) %
- c. Funding for third party Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations %
- d. A new scheme to which members of the public could **apply** for support, which ran alongside your existing DAF scheme %

Our response:

The information we hold relating to your request is attached at Annexes A and B.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely