

Dyddiad/Date: 26 August 2022

Annwyl/Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 31 July 2022. I have set out my response to each of the questions you submitted, as follows:

1. How many Schedule 14 Direction requests have been determined by inspectors appointed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Ministers?

**Since April 2017, 14 Schedule 14 Directions have been determined (please see attached).**

2. How many Schedule 14 Direction requests have been issued by appointed inspectors?

**Since April 2017, 14 Schedule 14 Directions have been issued (please see attached).**

3. Of the directions that were issued, how many did Welsh local authorities fail to meet directed deadline? Please name the local authorities concerned.

**Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) do not record this information.**

4. Of the directions that were issued how many were satisfied by Welsh local authorities 'out of time'? Please name the local authorities concerned.

**PEDW does not record this information.**

5. Of the directions that were issued how many remain unsatisfied? Please name the local authorities concerned and provide the PINS/PEDW case numbers.

**PEDW does not record this information.**

With regard to the link to guidance on gov.wales I must apologise. The information contained in that guidance, in relation to the publishing of Schedule 14 Direction decisions, is wrong and is very misleading. Direction decisions in Wales have never been published.

Schedule 14 Direction decisions for cases in England are published and have been since 2012 by the Planning Inspectorate ([Schedule 14 decisions in 2019, 2020, 2021](#))

[and 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)). This is not the case in Wales. I am sorry for this error. Our guidance has now been updated [Schedule 14 directions \(gov.wales\)](#) and I can confirm that from 5 August 2022, Schedule 14 Direction decisions for cases in Wales will be published to the Planning Casework Service portal [Planning Casework \(gov.wales\)](#).

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 e-mail: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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

Yours sincerely