

19 October 2022

Dear ,

ATISN 16683 FOI EHE proposals

Information requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 24 September. You asked for:

All communications which relate to cooperation between the DfE and Welsh Government (Including senior officials) in the development of elective home education policy from 1st January 2018 to 24th September 2022.

We are unsure of what you mean by co-operation and as such we have interpreted this as asking for "communications between DfE/WG on EHE"

Our response

We have identified potentially 1102 documents that may contain information relevant to this request, but this is from a preliminary search involving key known officials who have been involved in this policy area and does not necessarily cover the totality of what we may hold; to confirm, this figure represents 'communications' rather than 'letters' and covers all external and internal communications that 'relate' to home education policy and guidance development.

The information that you seek could potentially be in these documents and each document would need to be interrogated to ascertain whether it refers to your request clarified above.

The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

It will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request as it is currently presented. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope or by being more specific about the particular information you wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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,