

Dear

ATISN 16668 – Request for information about placement of children.

Thank you for your request received on 20 September 2022. You asked for the following information:

- The number of placements of individual children that have been made with children's services providers Operating Without Registration (OWR) across all 22 Welsh local authorities since January 2020. Please break this number down month-by-month and by local authority, covering all OWR placements since January 2020.

Our Response

The information you requested is attached at Annex 1 to this response.

Explanation of Data

The data provided is based on the number of placements notified to Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). CIW has engaged with Local Authorities to improve reporting and ensure more accurate data collection which has resulted in more notifications being made over time.

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: Freedomofinformation@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 the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,