3 October 2022

Dear

ATISN 16686 Copthorne Hotel

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 September 2022. You asked for:

A copy of all emails pertaining to the procurement and use of the Copthorne hotel in Cardiff which you stated is being used to house refugees/asylum seekers.

You asked for all relevant email correspondence, tenders from hotels and invoices in relation, but not limited to:

- Costs paid to the Copthorne,
- Correspondence on striking this deal,
- Any instruction relating to how current staff would be treated,
- How the Copthorne was selected,
- Other hotels and negotiations that took place and the costs of alternative options,
- The dates and length of time that the deal is in place for,
- Hotel capacity,
- Funds or other provisions (e.g. clothing, transport, mobile phone, food) provided to those staying,

Our response

I am writing to inform you that the information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. The Home Office could hold this information; you can find further information on how to submit a request for information under the Freedom Of Information Act on their website or submit a request to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk .

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