Dear

ATISN 16813 – Request for the Department of Education

Information requested -

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 November 2022. You asked for:

- The amount of Post 16 Further Education funding allocated to volunteer sector organisations (direct contract holders with WG), for delivery of Further Education learning related to health/social care – Academic Years 2021/22, 2020/21 and the number of learners supported via this funding – Academic Years 2021/22 and 2020/21;
- The amount of Post 16 Further Education funding allocated to volunteer sector organisations (via consortium / supply chains, as opposed to direct contract holders) for delivery of Further Education learning related to health /social care – Academic Years 2021/22, 2020/21 and the number of learners supported via this funding – Academic Years 2021/22 and 2020/21.

Our response

The Post-16 Funding Branch, responsible for the post-16 provision Budget Expenditure Line (BEL), does not directly fund any voluntary organisations to deliver Health Care and therefore, we hold no information on learner numbers. Also, the Post-16 Funding Branch does not hold information on who our directly funded providers may subcontract with and are therefore unable to provide this information.

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