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Dear

ATISN 16982 Initial Teacher Education Race Equality Community Mentors

Information requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 15th December 2022.

You asked for information regarding the Welsh Government advertisement on 25th April 2022 for vacancies for 'Small individual consultancy opportunity – Initial Teacher Education Race Equality Community Mentors x 5'. You also advised that the vacancies were still available to see on the website link: <https://educators.wales/job/1398> with a closing date of 31 July 2022. You asked to know how many of the five vacancies had been filled and how many remained unfilled as of 15 December 2022.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. For clarification I would like to take the opportunity to point out that the closing date for the applications was 1st April 2022 not 31st July 2022 as stated in your request and that contracts were awarded on a fixed term basis from 25th April 2022 to 31st July 2022 by the 5 HEIs on whose behalf the advertisements were placed, and the full process is recorded below.

Welsh Government provided funding to support Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Wales delivering Initial Teacher Education (ITE) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) to deliver their actions under the Initial Teacher Education Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Recruitment Plan (available here: [Initial teacher education Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic recruitment plan | GOV.WALES](#)).

In discussion with the HEIs some advised (five in total) that they would like to utilise this funding to contract out for some external expertise. Welsh Government supported this request by liaising with all five HEIs to agree a standardised job advert, advertising the roles via the Educators Wales website and supporting the recruitment process.

These actions were taken to assist the HEIs and in no way determined the outcome and which candidates were successful. The actions were also taken to ensure that the funding allocated would be spent effectively and efficiently by assisting the HEIs to recruit the best possible individuals. The final employment contract was held between the HEIs and the successful individuals.

The closing date for applications to these roles was 1st April 2022. The contract was fixed term, running from 25th April 2022 and ending on 31st July 2022. All five roles were filled ready for the contract start date and all five contracts ran until the contract end date, 31st July 2022.

Welsh Government does not hold information on the roles past the contract end date of 31st July 2022.

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