

2 March 2023

Annwyl/Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 February 2023. You asked for the following information:

A copy of the latest Inspector Training Manual.

I enclose copies of all the Inspector Training Manual (ITM) chapters produced by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) that are currently in use by our Inspectors. The ITM is intended for internal usage within PEDW and is designed to assist Inspectors in their particular role in the planning system. The chapter on Environmental Permitting has been redacted to withhold the name of its author as they no longer in PEDW's employment.

This training material does not constitute Government policy or guidance; nor does it seek to interpret Government policy. In addressing policy issues, Inspectors are expected to have regard to the most up-to-date policy and guidance produced by the relevant Government department. In the event that there appears to be a discrepancy between this material and national policy / guidance, any national policy and guidance will be conclusive. The ITM is a guidance document only and does not replace any Legislation associated with Planning and the Decision-Making process.

The ITM is made up of 'living documents' and is subject to regular updates.

As these documents are not written for an external audience, they may contain hyperlinks that point to our internal systems and the subject of the links will therefore will not be accessible to those outside the Welsh Government.

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 e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely