

20 March 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 17265 – Discretionary Housing Payments**

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 March. You asked:

- How much did each Welsh local authority spend on Discretionary Housing Payments in the 2022/23 financial year?

### **Our response**

The information you require is not held by the Welsh Government as funding for Discretionary Housing Payments is non-devolved and is administered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

The DWP is therefore responsible for allocating and monitoring Welsh local authorities' (LA's) spending of Discretionary Housing Payments in 2022/23. Information about each individual LA's spending of Discretionary Housing Payments in 2022/23 can be made available by each individual LA after the end of the 2022/23 financial year. In approximately July of this year, the DWP will publish statistics on all DHP spending across all English and Welsh LAs in 2022/23, in line with its usual practice, on this web page: [Discretionary Housing Payments statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/discretionary-housing-payments-statistics)

Welsh Government does not therefore have access to this information until it is published by the DWP later this year.

### **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](mailto: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