

23 March 2023

Dear

ATISN 17283 – Armed Forces Veterans

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 March. You asked:

- How many AFV in Wales are sleeping rough out of the 116 individuals identified in [December 2022](#). Please provide a historic break down of AFV in Wales who have been identified as sleeping rough in the last 5 years (2017-22) as a number against all individuals identified as sleeping rough in each year.
- How many AFV are homeless and in temporary accommodation as at December 2022. The total number of people presenting as homeless in temporary accommodation was [1436](#) in December 2022.
- Please provide a historic breakdown of AFV in temporary accommodation in the last 5 years (2017-22) as a number against all individuals in each year identified as homeless and in temporary accommodation.
- How many AFV in Wales are on housing waiting lists (by County area if possible)? Please provide information for the last 5 years (2017-22).
- How many AFV in Wales are currently registered with housing support teams in local authorities?

Our response

The information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Since March 2020, Welsh Government has taken a 'no-one left out' approach to people experiencing homelessness, so that no-one is forced to sleep rough in Wales. Since August 2020 we have published monthly data on the number of people placed into temporary accommodation and the number of people sleeping rough: [Homelessness statistics | GOV.WALES](#). However, Welsh Government has not previously, and does not currently, collect specific data on the numbers of Armed Forces Veterans who are sleeping rough, who are homeless, who are currently living in temporary accommodation or who are in receipt of housing related support.

Local authorities are responsible for addressing housing needs within their area and as a result of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 have specific duties around homelessness prevention. You therefore may wish to approach each local authority for the information you have requested.

The Welsh Government does not collect, nor does it hold data on the number of people who have applied for social housing. Local authorities in Wales are required (by section 167 of the Housing Act 1996) to have an allocation scheme that determines the authority's

priorities and the procedure to be followed in allocating housing. Some local authorities in Wales publish details of the number of people who make an application for housing through its allocation scheme, but this data is not collected nationally.

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.of.information@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