

03 October 2022

Dear

ATISN 19058 Request for information regarding Public Sector Equality Duty Compliance

Thank you for your request which I received on 02 October 2023. You asked Welsh Government to:

“provide all information, within the last 2 years, relating to communications with the Equality and Human Rights Commission about non compliance with the requirements for public bodies to complete Equality Impact Assessments. Please include supporting data, reports and emails.”.

Your request does not provide a sufficiently clear description of the information for me to identify and locate the information you are seeking. The Welsh Government does not regulate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty, and consequently, does not hold information on compliance or non-compliance by or for other public bodies.

You would need to approach the Equality and Human Rights Commission for this information.

If your request relates solely to the Welsh Government’s own compliance, it would be helpful if you would provide more information as to which area of Welsh Government compliance you have a specific interest in. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

From my preliminary assessment of your request as it stands, I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

If you do refine your request in the way suggested above, this will be treated as a new request. I will be unable to process your request any further without this clarification.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal

with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed.

Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,