

4 April 2024

Dear

ATISN 20425 – Basic Income Pilot cost benefit analysis

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 April 2024. You asked for:

1. a copy of the post-implementation cost benefit analysis for the Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot; and
2. a copy of a pre-commencement cost benefit analysis for extending the Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot to asylum seekers in Wales.

Our response

We do not hold information in relation to the first part of your request as the pilot is ongoing and the cost benefit analysis has not yet been completed. In relation to the second part of your request, I can confirm that no information is held as the pilot has not been extended to include asylum seekers. Care experienced unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people have always been eligible for the Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot as category three care leavers. I refer you to a previous freedom of information request - [FOI release 20045: Asylum seekers | GOV.WALES](#).

The Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot is subject to a comprehensive evaluation commissioned by Welsh Government. The Children's Social Care Research and Development Centre (CASCADE) at Cardiff University with partners at the University of Oxford, the University of York, Kings College London and Northumbria University is undertaking the evaluation.

Information about the evaluation, and copies of the evaluation reports as they are published, can be accessed on the Welsh Government and CASCADE websites. The first evaluation report was published on 22 February 2024. You can access the websites using the following links:

[Basic income pilot for care leavers: research and evaluation overview | GOV.WALES](#)

[The Welsh Basic Income Evaluation – CASCADE \(cascadewales.org\)](#)

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