

28 January 2025

Dear

ATISN 23246

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 January 2025. You asked for the following information:

1. *What apprenticeship programmes are currently offered internally within your organisation?*
2. *Is your organisation an apprenticeship levy payer? If so, could you provide details about how the levy is utilised?*
3. *The contact details (name, email, and/or phone number) for the person(s) responsible for Learning & Development and apprenticeships within your organisation.*

The Welsh Government centrally offers placements to external candidates under the following qualifications:

- Level 3 in business administration
- Level 3 in finance
- Level 3 in digital

The Welsh Government invests in apprenticeship training by paying into the apprenticeship levy. Revenues from the levy replaced previous apprenticeship funding in England, the levy does not provide significant new money for Wales. Since 2020-21, levy revenues can no longer be separately identified within the Welsh settlement. So, although the Welsh Government knew the actual amounts transferred over the first three years of the levy's operation, we now have no knowledge of what these amounts are. We are engaging closely with UK Government counterparts on addressing this matter as part of the proposed new 'growth and skills levy'.

In England, every employer who pays the levy has a digital account where they can access their levy funds to spend on apprenticeship training. The UK Government also applies a 10% top up to the funds in each account. In Wales, the overall apprentice levy allocation that the Welsh Government receives from the UK Government is arrived at through the Barnett formula, Welsh Ministers then allocate resources in its budget according to Welsh priorities, as approved by the Senedd.

The Welsh Government accesses apprenticeships through the Apprentice Certification Wales Framework.

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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:

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Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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