



Ref: ATISN 24721

23 May 2025

Dear ,

### **ATISN 24721 – Childcare Funding Consequentials**

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 14 May 2025 relating to childcare funding consequentials.

You have requested the following:

- 1. How much funding did the Welsh Government receive in Barnett consequentials as a result of the UK Government's childcare offer in England?*
- 2. Has there been any uplift to Wales's childcare offer as a result of these consequentials?*
- 3. How have these consequentials been allocated specifically towards childcare provision in Wales?*
- 4. How has any remaining funding from these consequentials been allocated?*

### **Our Response**

- 1. How much funding did the Welsh Government receive in Barnett consequentials as a result of the UK Government's childcare offer in England?*

Under the Barnett formula, (£128.4m of consequential funding for childcare was received in 2024/25 and baselined into the Welsh Government settlement for 2025/26)

- 2. Has there been any uplift to Wales's childcare offer as a result of these consequentials?*

Consequential funding is not ringfenced for similar purposes in devolved governments. It is for Welsh Ministers to determine how to allocate funding in line with devolved Welsh priorities. The Welsh Government has published its final budget statement for 2025-26 which details that £50m has been provided to expand childcare for two-year-olds in Wales under the Flying Start programme. The uplift also supports a 28% uplift in the hourly rate paid to childcare providers delivering the Childcare Offer including consequential Nursery education component and Flying Start childcare components.

3. *How have these consequentials been allocated specifically towards childcare provision in Wales?*
4. *How has any remaining funding from these consequentials been allocated?*

All consequentials are added to the overall budget available for the Welsh Government. It is for Welsh Ministers to determine how to allocate funding in line with Welsh priorities.

### **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,