

10/07/2025

Dear ,

**ATISN 24923**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 10/07/2025. You asked:

- Whether migrants with criminal records are included in those who can claim sanctuary in Wales.
- How many migrants with criminal records have entered Wales.
- How many immigrants entering Wales have moved and resettled elsewhere.
- How many migrants settled in Wales have committed a criminal offence and what type of offence.

### **Our response:**

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested.

Migration and asylum policy, including decisions on who may enter or settle in the UK, are matters reserved to the UK Government and administered by the Home Office. Similarly, criminal justice and the recording of offences committed by individuals are reserved to the UK Government and fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice.

We recommend directing these specific queries to the relevant UK Government departments, as they are best placed to provide the information you are seeking.

We would also like to clarify that the Welsh Government does not claim that “anyone can claim sanctuary in Wales regardless of circumstance or background.” Decisions on asylum and immigration status are not made by the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government has no role in determining eligibility. The Welsh Government has a clear vision of Wales as a Nation of Sanctuary. This vision is set out in the Nation of Sanctuary chapter of the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan (2024). It sets out our ambition to ensure that, when people are dispersed to Wales by the Home Office, they are welcomed into communities and supported to rebuild their lives and integrate successfully.

### **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