

11 July 2025

Dear

ATISN 24880 – Request for Information - Greyhound Racing

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 29 June 2025. You asked for:

You are requesting copies of all communications regarding the ban on greyhound racing in Wales, spanning September 2021 to June 2025 between Welsh Government Ministers, Senedd Members and several organisations or individuals who include:

1. Blue Cross
2. RSPCA
3. Dogs Trust
4. Greyhound Rescue Wales
5. Hope Rescue
6. Grey2K
7. Jane Dodds MS

Additionally, you're asking for internal Welsh Government communications about the decision to:

8. **Publicise** "Hope Rescue Petition to ban greyhound racing" petition on official Welsh Government social media channels covering the period from September 2021 to March 2025.
9. **Not publicise** "The Welsh Government Should Support Greyhound Racing in Wales" petition on Welsh Government social media channels covering the period from September 2021 and 22 August 2023.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment 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.

The Welsh Government receives a large volume of correspondence, and I have conducted preliminary searches to establish where records captured by your request may be held in our files. In order to provide you with the information that you have requested, my preliminary searches have established that there are approximately 3,000 electronic records that could have information in scope. However it is not possible to establish whether the information is in scope of the request without reviewing each of these files. In an exercise, we established that if files are reviewed at pace, we could review between 30 and 50 records an hour. On the basis of 50 records per hour, I estimate that it would take us approximately 63 hours to review all

files to establish what information we have in scope. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

Our preliminary searches did not find any information in scope, and neither did we find any files that clearly related to any such correspondence within your timeframe. It may be that no records are captured by your request, and that there has been no such correspondence, but it is the search that would confirm this that would exceed the appropriate limit.

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. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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