

21 August 2025

Dear

ATISN 25006 – Freedom of Information request - Children Missing Education Database

Information requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 30 July 2025. You asked for:

- (1) how many records were extracted from the NHS shared service partnership as part of the CME database mechanism pilot in 2025, and
- (2) for a copy of the communications sent to (a) patients and (b) GPs before this data sharing happened?

Our response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information requested. The Children Missing Education Database regulations require Local Health Boards to share the defined non-clinical information with local authorities.

You may wish to contact the NHS shared service partnerships who may hold this information in relation to the sharing of this data and any associated communications.

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