

05/09/2025

ATISN 25066

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 18/08/2025. You asked for:

1. Please provide the number of asylum seekers residing in the local authority areas of Conwy and Denbighshire as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
2. Please provide the number of asylum seekers that are being housed in council provided accommodation within both local authorities as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
3. Please provide the number of asylum seekers residing in local hotels within both the local authorities as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
4. Please provide the data and policies within each local authority relating to housing asylum seekers as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
5. Please provide the information on each local authority's procedures for housing asylum seekers as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
6. Please provide the information on the specific areas within each local authority where asylum seekers are concentrated as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.
7. Please provide the data specific to asylum seekers living in local authority council run properties Vs private rentals as of 17th August 2025. Please reference each council separately.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. Please note that immigration policy, including the asylum system, are matters reserved to the UK Government. Therefore, the information requested in points 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 would be held by the Home Office.

With regard to points 2 and 7, placement into Local Authority accommodation (whether private or social) would only occur after an asylum claim has been

approved. As such, no individuals would appear under the search terms you have provided.

You can make a Freedom of Information request to the Home Office by email to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk

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