

30 September 2025

Dear

**ATISN 25115 – Welsh Government Migration and Sanctuary Team**

**Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 2 September 2025.

You asked for the following information about the Welsh Government's Migration and Sanctuary Team:

- Purpose
- When it was created and whether it is a renaming of another team
- Budget and actual spend for the past five years
- Number of staff employed and grades
- Any operating framework documents, mission statements or any other strategic or governance documents which relate to its purpose and overall activity.

**Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed at Annex A.

**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

## Annex A

### Welsh Government Migration and Sanctuary Team

#### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Migration & Sanctuary Team is to support Welsh Ministers in delivering the Welsh Government's Nation of Sanctuary policy commitments and to provide strategic policy overview for migration issues affecting Wales.

#### *When it was created and whether it is a renaming of another team*

The Migration & Nation of Sanctuary team was established over summer 2023 by bringing together the Ukraine Humanitarian Response, Inclusion and Cohesion and Migration teams. In April 2025, the cohesion responsibility was removed from the Migration & Sanctuary team

#### *Budget and actual spend for the past five years*

Year	Net Spend (£)
2020–2021	1,200,529.79
2021–2022	1,073,229.66
2022–2023	21,064,491.02
2023–2024	27,707,451.27
2024–2025	2,745,560.96

#### *Number of staff employed and grades*

At full complement, the Migration & Nation of Sanctuary team is made up of 17 members of staff, at the following grades:

1x Grade 6, 3x Grade 7, 5x SEO, 6x HEO, 1x EO, 1x TS.

#### *Any operating framework documents, mission statements or any other strategic or governance documents which relate to its purpose and overall activity.*

Please see the Welsh Government's [Anti-racist Wales Action Plan](#) which includes the Nation of Sanctuary chapter. This chapter includes the goal and actions of the Nation of Sanctuary policy, along with the Nation of Sanctuary principles.