

23/09/2025

Dear

ATISN 25146 ADFYWIAD

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11/09/2025. You asked for further documentation about the Adfywiad Project. On clarification, you requested the:

Amount of funding, amount of beneficiaries, the ethnicity of those subjected to this initiative, how many referrals were made to Prevent as a result of the initiative, any minutes or documents internally from the Welsh Government about this, and any MOU or document that describes the relationship of the Muslim Council of Wales to the Welsh Government.

Our response

Following a search of our records, I have established that the following information you require is not held by the Welsh Government:

- Number of beneficiaries
- Ethnicity of beneficiaries
- How many referrals were made to Prevent as a result of the initiative
- Any MOU or document that described the relationship of the Muslim Council of Wales to the Welsh Government.

However, in addition to the evaluation of the project which you already have, I did find some other information related to your request:

Muslim Council of Wales (MCW) was funded to develop a three-year programme of work from August 2009 to March 2012 to build the capacity of Mosques, as well as Muslim youth and women's organisations, to increase the resilience of Muslim communities in Wales to Al Qa'ida-influenced violent extremism.

MCW was initially awarded £85,000 per annum for the three-year project, which could have led to total expenditure of £255,000. In the first year, MCW claimed £82,152.28. In the second year, £67,253.32 was claimed. In the final year, we can find no record that a claim was made or paid. Therefore, we understand the total cost of the project was £149,405.60.

Stated project outcomes were:

- (1) To recruit and maintain the post of MINABW administrator at the Muslim Council of Wales
- (2) To raise awareness of MINABW and its aims by organising 4 full day events in Cardiff, Swansea, Newport and North Wales with separate sessions for young people and women.

- (3) To deliver training to all members of MINABW as set out in the work programme on: • Communications and teaching skills. • The Prevent Strategy • Identifying extremist ideology • Deconstruction of extremist ideology • Dealing with cases/interventions and next steps. • Teaching and understanding of community cohesion and citizenship.
- (4) To deliver English Language for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) lessons for those who require it.
- (5) To ensure that all imams have the qualification of an Ijazah.
- (6) To hold quarterly MINABW meetings to update the membership with regard to local, regional and national developments on relevant issues.
- (7) To ensure that a formal evaluation of the work programme is carried out.

However, other than the Office for Public Management independent evaluation of this work programme we could not find anything additional regarding project outcomes.

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

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely