

11 February 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26584 – Data related to the delivery of adaptations via a Disabled Facilities Grant**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 January 2026. You asked for the following information for each of the 22 Welsh local authorities, for the most recent full financial year available (and, if possible, the preceding year).

- 1. DFG Budgets and Expenditure**
  - a. The total capital budget allocated for Disabled Facilities Grants
  - b. The total DFG expenditure incurred
  - c. Any additional funding allocated through grant programmes (e.g., Enable, HCF), including amounts awarded and drawn down
  
- 2. DFG Application Volumes**
  - a. The total number of DFG applications received
  - b. The total number of DFGs approved
  - c. The number of DFG applications withdrawn or refused
  
- 3. Delivery Timeframes**
  - a. The average time from first enquiry to approval
  - b. The average time from approval to completion
  - c. The average total duration from first enquiry to completion
  - d. Any published or internal performance targets relating to delivery timelines
  
- 4. Performance, Policy and Operational Measures**
  - a. Confirmation of whether means testing is applied to DFG applicants
  - b. Whether the authority has removed, limited, or varied means testing
  - c. Whether discretionary top-ups are available and the maximum value offered
  - d. Identification of the delivery model used (e.g., in-house delivery, framework, direct award, client-appointed contractor)
  
- 5. Reporting and Monitoring**
  - a. Whether the authority regularly reports DFG timeliness and performance to Welsh Government
  - b. The reporting format and frequency
  - c. Any audit or performance framework currently in use
  
- 6. Removal of Means Test**
  - a. Which LAs have not removed the means test for medium adaptations
  - b. How much funding do you provide to each LA as a cumulative total to assist with the removal of means testing
  - c. Prior to removal of the means test, how much did LAs collectively spend on DFGs and since the removal, how much do LAs collectively spend per annum.

Where available, please provide any standard datasets or returns local authorities submit to Welsh Government that contain these metrics.

If the above information is already held publicly, please provide links or directions to where it may be found.

**Our response**

Some of the information you have requested is below. Where the information is not included, I have provided an explanation.

**1a. The total capital budget allocated for Disabled Facilities Grants**

Disabled Facilities Grant expenditure forms part of the General Capital Fund, which Welsh Government provides to local authorities as unencumbered capital funding. There is a formula which divides the fund between local authorities on the basis of need. There is a housing section within the formula which contains an element of DFG as set out below, but this is not an allocation due to it being unencumbered.

Local authorities decide how much of their allocation to attribute to DFG, in line with local priorities. Welsh Government are therefore not able to confirm the total capital budget allocated to DFGs by each local authority area as we do not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

25.0%		20.0%	15.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Total repair costs		Amount spent on DFGs completed	Priv dwelling stock	Pensioner households	Low SEC households

**1b. The total DFG expenditure incurred**

The overall amount of completed grants in each local authority (2022/23 and 2023/24) is published here: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#). We do not collect the amount of expenditure incurred during each financial year, but you may wish to request this information from each local authority.

**1c. Any additional funding allocated through grant programmes (e.g., Enable, HCF), including amounts awarded and drawn down**

Additional amounts allocated through alternative grant programmes are detailed at **Annexes A and B**.

**2a. The total number of DFG applications received**

The number of valid applications received by each local authority (2022/23 and 2023/24) is published here: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#)

**2b. The total number of DFGs approved**

The number of grant applications approved by each local authority (2022/23 and 2023/24) is published here: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#)

**2c. The number of DFG applications withdrawn or refused**

Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

### **3a. The average time from first enquiry to approval**

Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

### **3b. The average time from approval to completion**

Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

### **3c. The average total duration from first enquiry to completion**

Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

The last published analyses of the total duration from need identification to date of completion of adaptation (2019/20 and 2020/21) are available here [Housing adaptations: analysis 2019 to 2020](#) and here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2020 to 2021](#).

### **3d. Any published or internal performance targets relating to delivery timelines**

The last published high-level analyses of data on housing adaptations (2019/20 and 2020/21) are available here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2019 to 2020](#) and here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2020 to 2021](#).

The Housing Adaptation Service Standards is available here: [housing-adaptations-standards-of-service.pdf](#)

### **4a. Confirmation of whether means testing is applied to DFG applicants**

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, Blaenau Gwent and Cardiff removed means testing in relation to applications for all Disabled Facilities Grants. All other authorities applied means testing to large adaptations.

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, Caerphilly and Newport applied means testing to medium adaptations.

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, no local authority applied mean testing to small adaptations.

### **4b. Whether the authority has removed, limited, or varied means testing**

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, Blaenau Gwent and Cardiff removed means testing in relation to applications for all Disabled Facilities Grants. All other authorities applied means testing to large adaptations.

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, Caerphilly and Newport applied means testing to medium adaptations.

In relation to 2023/24 and 2024/25, no local authority applied mean testing to small adaptations.

#### **4c. Whether discretionary top-ups are available and the maximum value offered**

Guidance on discretionary top-ups is available here: [Microsoft Word - annexd-e.doc](#). Welsh Government does not collect information on the availability and maximum amounts available in each local authority, but information is published on the amount of additional non-mandatory assistance for 2022/23 and 2023/24 here: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#). You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

#### **4d. Identification of the delivery model used (e.g., in-house delivery, framework, direct award, client-appointed contractor)**

Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to request the information from each local authority.

#### **5a. Whether the authority regularly reports DFG timeliness and performance to Welsh Government**

The information in the attached links are reported to Welsh Government annually: [Disabled Facilities Grants by local authority area and type of grant](#)

The last published high-level analyses of data on housing adaptations (2019/20 and 2020/21) are available here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2019 to 2020](#) and here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2020 to 2021](#).

#### **5b. The reporting format and frequency**

The information in the attached links are reported to Welsh Government annually: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#)

The last published high-level analyses of data on housing adaptations (2019/20 and 2020/21) are available here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2019 to 2020](#) and here: [Housing adaptations: analysis 2020 to 2021](#).

#### **5c. Any audit or performance framework currently in use**

There is no single national audit or performance framework for Disabled Facilities Grant delivery in Wales.

#### **6a. Which LAs have not removed the means test for medium adaptations**

Caerphilly and Newport are the two local authorities who have not removed the means test for medium adaptations.

#### **6b. How much funding do you provide to each LA as a cumulative total to assist with the removal of means testing**

The removal of DFG means testing was implemented as a national policy change and is funded through a £2m annual uplift to the overall Enable programme. Please see local authority breakdown at **Annex A**.

#### **6c. Prior to removal of the means test, how much did LAs collectively spend on DFGs and since the removal, how much do LAs collectively spend per annum.**

The total amounts of expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grant for 2020/21 (the last year prior to the removal), 2021/2022, 2022/23 and 2023/24 is available here: [Disabled facilities grants by local authority area and type of grant](#).

### **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 – ENABLE allocations

<b>2023-24</b>				
<b>ENABLE - Enhanced Adaptations System</b>	<b>Base Line Grant 23-24</b>	<b>Grant Uplift 23-24</b>	<b>ENABLE Total Allocation</b>	<b>Paid</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Anglesey	93,200.00	46,586.00	139,786.00	139,786.00
Blaenau Gwent	92,800.00	46,386.00	139,186.00	139,186.00
Bridgend	180,000.00	89,973.00	269,973.00	269,385.81
Caerphilly	240,400.00	120,164.00	240,400.00	238,784.36
Cardiff	436,400.00	218,135.00	654,535.00	654,535.00
Carmarthenshire	245,600.00	122,763.00	368,363.00	368,363.00
Ceredigion	97,200.00	48,585.00	145,785.00	145,785.00
Conwy	149,200.00	74,578.00	223,778.00	223,778.00
Denbighshire	133,600.00	66,780.00	200,380.00	200,380.00
Flintshire	190,800.00	95,371.00	286,171.00	286,171.00
Gwynedd	164,800.00	82,375.00	247,175.00	247,175.00
Merthyr Tydfil	78,000.00	38,988.00	116,988.00	110,336.82
Monmouthshire	105,600.00	52,784.00	158,384.00	158,274.88
Neath Port Talbot	187,600.00	93,772.00	281,372.00	281,372.00
Newport	197,200.00	98,570.00	197,200.00	197,200.00
Pembrokeshire	160,800.00	80,376.00	241,176.00	241,176.00
Powys	174,800.00	87,374.00	262,174.00	262,174.00
RCT	317,200.00	158,552.00	475,752.00	475,752.00
Swansea	303,600.00	151,754.00	455,354.00	455,354.00
Torfaen	121,200.00	60,582.00	181,782.00	181,782.00
Vale of Glamorgan	161,200.00	80,576.00	241,776.00	241,737.61
Wrexham	169,200.00	84,575.00	253,775.00	253,775.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000,400.00</b>	<b>1,999,599.00</b>	<b>5,781,265.00</b>	<b>5,772,263.48</b>

## Annex A – ENABLE allocations cont'd

<b>2024-25</b>				
<b>ENABLE - Enhanced Adaptations System</b>	<b>Base Line Grant 24-25</b>	<b>Grant Uplift 24-25</b>	<b>ENABLE Total Allocation</b>	<b>Paid</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Anglesey	93,200.00	46,586.00	139,786.00	139,786.00
Blaenau Gwent	92,800.00	46,386.00	139,186.00	139,186.00
Bridgend	180,000.00	89,973.00	269,973.00	269,973.00
Caerphilly	240,400.00	120,164.00	240,400.00	240,400.00
Cardiff	436,400.00	218,135.00	654,535.00	654,535.00
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Conwy	149,200.00	74,578.00	223,778.00	223,778.00
Denbighshire	133,600.00	66,780.00	200,380.00	200,380.00
Flintshire	190,800.00	95,371.00	286,171.00	286,171.00
Gwynedd	164,800.00	82,375.00	247,175.00	247,175.00
Merthyr Tydfil	78,000.00	38,988.00	116,988.00	116,988.00
Monmouthshire	105,600.00	52,784.00	158,384.00	158,384.00
Neath Port Talbot	187,600.00	93,772.00	281,372.00	281,372.00
Newport	197,200.00	98,570.00	197,200.00	197,200.00
Pembrokeshire	160,800.00	80,376.00	241,176.00	241,176.00
Powys	174,800.00	87,374.00	262,174.00	262,174.00
RCT	317,200.00	158,552.00	475,752.00	475,752.00
Swansea	303,600.00	151,754.00	455,354.00	448,103.06
Torfaen	121,200.00	60,582.00	181,782.00	181,782.00
Vale of Glamorgan	161,200.00	80,576.00	241,776.00	241,776.00
Wrexham	169,200.00	84,575.00	253,775.00	252,930.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000,400.00</b>	<b>1,999,599.00</b>	<b>5,781,265.00</b>	<b>5,773,169.06</b>

## Annex B – Housing with Care Fund (HCF) DFG Top-up

2023/24	Total Awarded per LA	Total Spend per LA
Anglesey	£73,676.00	£73,676.00
Blaenau Gwent	£112,080.00	£112,080.00
Bridgend	£222,206.00	£222,206.00
Caerphilly	£112,080.00	£112,080.00
Cardiff	£268,905.00	£268,905.00
Carmarthenshire	£192,648.00	£192,648.00
Ceredigion	£80,270.00	£80,270.00
Conwy	£134,611.00	£134,611.00
Denbighshire	£109,910.00	£109,910.00
Flintshire	£168,921.00	£168,921.00
Gwynedd	£128,560.00	£128,560.00
Merthyr	£169,832.00	£169,832.00
Monmouth	£112,069.00	£112,058.00
Newport	£112,080.00	£112,080.00
NPT	£155,280.00	£155,280.00
Pembrokeshire	£128,432.00	£128,432.00
Powys	£0.00	£0.00
RCT	£344,412.00	£344,412.00
Swansea	£232,920.00	£232,920.00
Torfaen	£112,080.00	£112,080.00
Vale of Glamorgan	£115,245.00	£115,245.00
Wrexham	£132,119.00	£132,119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,218,336.00</b>	<b>£3,218,325.00</b>

## Annex B – Housing with Care Fund (HCF) DFG Top-up cont'd

2024/25	Total Awarded per LA	Total Spend per LA
Anglesey	£178,676.00	£178,676.00
Blaenau Gwent	£220,643.00	£220,643.00
Bridgend	£223,144.35	£223,144.35
Caerphilly	£220,643.00	£220,643.00
Cardiff	£408,905.00	£408,905.00
Carmarthenshire	£407,648.00	£407,648.00
Ceredigion	£140,270.00	£140,270.00
Conwy	£239,611.00	£239,611.00
Denbighshire	£214,910.00	£214,910.00
Flintshire	£272,974.00	£272,974.00
Gwynedd	£233,560.00	£233,560.00
Merthyr	£106,785.00	£106,785.00
Monmouth	£220,643.00	£220,643.00
Newport	£220,643.00	£220,643.00
NPT	£325,280.00	£325,280.00
Pembrokeshire	£224,432.00	£224,432.00
Powys	£0.00	£0.00
RCT	£406,520.00	£406,520.00
Swansea	£472,920.00	£472,920.00
Torfaen	£220,643.00	£220,643.00
Vale of Glamorgan	£175,245.00	£175,245.00
Wrexham	£267,119.00	£267,119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,401,214.35</b>	<b>£5,401,214.35</b>