

21 April 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 26813

Thank you for your request for information dated 20 April. You asked –

- 1) A list of all the investments over the last 10 years made by this organisation with Cardiff University for the purpose of Cyber Security Education and Research. Please include the intended deliverables of these projects.
- 2) A indication of the contribution to these funds as an amount in sterling and a percentage of that particular award (i.e. £x, 40% of total funds).
- 3) An indication of which of these investments were intended for University student use.
- 4) Dates of visits to the University and meetings for the purpose of signing off these projects as completed.

Our Response

The Welsh Government holds some of the information you requested.

During the period from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2024, the Welsh Government awarded Cardiff University £3 million. For the subsequent period, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027, a further £3.922 million was awarded. However, in relation to your question about the portion of these investments intended specifically for university student use, I must inform you that the Welsh Government does not hold this information.

By 2030, the aim is to deliver the following key performance indicators: firstly, to grow the cyber security sector in Wales; secondly, to attract private equity investment to support scaling of these businesses; thirdly, to facilitate company acquisitions, ensuring sustainable growth and anchoring most new businesses in Wales; and finally, to train over 1,000 individuals with cyber skills.

It may also be helpful to note that weekly meetings have taken place between Welsh Government representatives and representatives of the Cyber Innovation Hub to discuss ongoing progress. Additionally, there have been quarterly meetings of the Cyber Innovation Hub Oversight Group, which are convened to ensure proper oversight and to sign off on projects as they are completed.

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

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The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:
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Website: www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely