

8 July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27102 – Schools Social Partnership Forum documents referring to Teaching Assistants

Information requested

Thank you for your emails received on 16th and 18th June 2026, in which you asked for clarification of our response to FOI/ATISN/26974. Specifically, you asked about the timeframe covered by our document search and whether any additional documents refer to Teaching Assistants more generally.

You also requested the following documents:

- A copy of the 2021 report from the Schools Support Staff Task & Finish Group
- A copy of the discussion paper on the Role of the Teaching Assistants in Wales (July 2021)
- Minutes from the meeting in which this report was raised
- Copies of the WG research referenced in these documents from 2007 and 2013

Our response

The documents provided in response to FOI/ATISN/26974 were identified in Welsh Government files for SSPF meetings held between June 2021 and June 2026.

The meeting note for 15 February 2022 includes an update on the Task & Finish Group and its next steps:

- Item 2) Update and next steps: SSPF Task & Finish Group
Welsh Government funding was agreed to enable Teaching Assistants to take part in an extensive project on job descriptions, TA employment, and progression to HLTA within a short timescale.

The papers and reports specifically requested are attached or linked in the attached table.

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,