

22 October 2026

Dear

ATISN 27586

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 September. You asked for the information as listed at Annex 1, where responses are also provided.

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 e-mail: 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

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

Annex 1

Statistical information held by the Welsh Government regarding child safeguarding activity in Torfaen County Borough Council. Specifically, requesting data extracted from local authority annual statutory returns (including the Children Receiving Care and Support / CRCS dataset and social services activity data).

For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25, please provide the following figures broken down by financial year:

1. Total Section 47 Enquiries: The total recorded number of Section 47 child protection enquiries initiated by Torfaen County Borough Council Children's Services.

Response:

The number of Strategy Meetings held during the year that progressed to Section 47 enquiries is published on StatsWales: [Children's safeguarding in social services | StatsWales](#) (please filter on data description item CH/021 by local authority and year).

2. Joint vs. Single-Agency Breakdown:

- Does the dataset held by the Welsh Government distinguish between joint Section 47 enquiries conducted alongside Gwent Police and single-agency Section 47 enquiries managed solely by local authority social services?
- If this breakdown is collected, please provide the separate figures for each year.

Response:

This information is not collected from statutory local authority annual returns by Welsh Government.

3. Recorded Referral Source: The breakdown of referral sources for child protection reports in Torfaen across these periods, specifically indicating whether any cases are categorised as direct self-referrals or disclosures made by a child or young person.

Response:

This information is not collected from statutory local authority annual returns by Welsh Government.

4. Enquiry Outcomes and Progression:

- How many Section 47 enquiries in Torfaen progressed to an Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC)?
- How many Section 47 enquiries were concluded without an ICPC and stepped down or closed to Care and Support (Section 37 / Section 17) arrangements?

Response:

The number of Section 47 enquiries completed during the year that progressed to Initial Child Protection Conference is published on StatsWales: [Children's](#)

[safeguarding in social services | StatsWales](#) (please filter on data description item CH/022 by local authority and year).

The number of Section 47 enquiries concluded without an ICPC and stepped down or closed to Care and Support (Section 37 / Section 17) arrangements is not collected from statutory local authority annual returns by Welsh Government.

Data collection guidance provides detailed definitions of the metrics collected as part of the Social Services Performance and Improvement Framework dataset (published in the Social Services activity returns). 2024-25 guidance can be found here:

[Measuring social services activity and performance: performance improvement framework 2024 to 2025 | GOV.WALES](#)