

Dear

ATISN 27612

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 October. You asked for the following information concerning Huggard for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025:

1. Details of every grant, funding award, programme payment or other Welsh Government funding made directly to Huggard during that period, including the amount awarded and amount actually paid.
2. The relevant grant award letters, funding agreements, terms and conditions, service specifications and variations.
3. Any budgets, cost models or expenditure breakdowns submitted by Huggard in support of that funding, including staffing, management, premises, agency/contractor, security, food, utilities and overhead costs where those categories are recorded.
4. Any staffing assumptions, FTE requirements or staffing figures associated with the funded activity, including any staffing information subsequently reported by Huggard.
5. The performance indicators, output or outcome requirements attached to the funding, together with performance returns, monitoring reports or assurance reports submitted by or concerning Huggard.
6. Any recorded concerns, remedial actions, funding conditions, clawback discussions, audit findings or formal performance issues relating to Huggard during the period.

Our response

Funding for the delivery of homelessness and housing support services is primarily allocated to local authorities, rather than provided directly by the Welsh Government to individual third sector organisations.

The Housing Support Grant (HSG), which is the Welsh Government's main homelessness prevention grant, is allocated to local authorities to plan and commission housing-related support services to meet local need and demand. These services may be delivered by a range of organisations, including third sector providers.

The Welsh Government did not provide any direct funding to the Huggard during 2024-25. We understand Cardiff Council used their HSG allocation to fund the Huggard to deliver housing support services during 2024-25. As responsibility for commissioning and contract management rests with the local authority, you may wish to contact Cardiff Council directly for the information you have requested.

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