4 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0107 – NWSSP Governance Implementation Plan
ATISN 26-0118 - NWSSP Risk Registers
ATISN 26-0132 - NWSSP Governance

Thank you for your requests to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26, 27 and 28 October which relate to NWSSP and governance. A summary of your requests are as follows:

26-Oct

Freedom of Information request - NWSSP Independent Review Implementation

- seeking recorded evidence of governance weaknesses, unresolved risks, contradictions, independent verification activities and corrective actions, rather than general governance descriptions or organisational summaries.

27-Oct

Freedom of Information request - Outstanding Governance and Accountability Risks Relating to NWSSP

- seeking recorded information concerning governance, accountability and oversight risks relating to NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP).

28-Oct

Freedom of Information request - Shared Services Partnership Committee Governance Assurance and Accountability Framework

- To provide the following information held by, or on behalf of, the Shared Services Partnership Committee (SSPC).

Under Regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allows the costs of complying with multiple requests to be aggregated were, broadly:

- the requests are made by the same person, or people acting together;
- they are received within a 60-working-day period; and
- they relate, to any extent, to the same or similar information.

We can confirm that the Welsh Government holds information that is captured by your requests. However, your requests individually, cover very broad subject areas, requesting all information held rather than identifying specific information and there does not appear to be an apparent defined date range.

From our preliminary assessment we estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your requests. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

Using search terms identified in each of your individual requests, we have identified over 17,097 documents that may be caught by your requests. Each document would need to be reviewed manually. To open and read the records would take at least 30 seconds for each one to determine if they were in scope. Overall, this would take over 143 hours to locate, retrieve and review each document.

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. Some ways in which you could consider include:

- You may wish initially to restrict your request to one subject area, or a smaller number of clearly identified matters, rather than seeking all information.
- You may wish to limit your request to one organisation.
- You may wish to specify a date range, for example 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- Rather than requesting for all associated documents, you may wish to consider
- requesting only the most recent recorded assessment of a particular issue.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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