4 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0146 - Burial grounds

Thank you for your request which I received on 30 October 2026. You asked for a database or list of Freedom of Information (FOI) email addresses or contact routes for local authorities in Wales. You also requested a breakdown of councils' costs of establishing and running cemeteries. This included environmental compliance, land, infrastructure, capacity, maintenance, memorial safety, staffing and closed-site costs.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that Welsh Government does not hold the cemetery and related cost information you requested.

Welsh Government also does not hold a list of local authority FOI contacts. However, to help you approach councils directly, I have provided alternative contact details and links to their contact webpages in the Annex. Councils' websites also provide information about how to submit FOI requests.

Local authorities are responsible for operating cemeteries and may hold the cemetery and related cost information you requested. Depending on the specific information you are seeking, their Bereavement Services, Environmental Services or Planning departments may be able to help.

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

Annex

List of county councils in Wales – contact details and webpages

1. **Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

General enquiries: Contact Information | Blaenau Gwent CBC

2. **Bridgend County Borough Council**

General enquiries: Contact us

3. **Caerphilly County Borough Council**

General enquiries: Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough - Contact Us

4. **Cardiff Council**

General enquiries: General enquiries - Cardiff Council

5. **Carmarthenshire County Council**

General enquiries: Contact us - Carmarthenshire County Council

6. **Ceredigion County Council**

General enquiries: Contact Us - Ceredigion County Council

7. **Conwy County Borough Council**

General enquiries: How to contact the council - Conwy County Borough Council

8. **Denbighshire County Council**

General enquiries: Contact us | Denbighshire County Council

9. **Flintshire County Council**

General enquiries: online general enquiry form

10. **Cyngor Gwynedd**

General enquiries: Contact us - Cyngor Gwynedd

11. **Isle of Anglesey County Council**

General enquiries: Contact Môn

12. **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**

General enquiries: customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk

13. **Monmouthshire County Council**

General enquiries: Contact us - Monmouthshire

14. **Neath Port Talbot Council**

General enquiries: Contact us - NPT Council

15. **Newport City Council**

General enquiries: Contact the council | Newport City Council

16. Pembrokeshire County Council

General enquiries: How to contact the Information Governance Team - Pembrokeshire County Council

17. Powys County Council

General enquiries: Contact Us - Powys County Council

18. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

General enquiries: General Enquiries | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

19. Swansea Council

General enquiries: Phone and email contacts - Swansea

20. Torfaen County Borough Council

General enquiries: Contact Us - Torfaen County Borough Council

21. Vale of Glamorgan Council

General enquiries: Contact Us

22. Wrexham County Borough Council

General enquiries: online contact route