

5 January 20201

Dear

ATISN 14582 - Freelancer Fund and Cultural Recovery Fund contributions to musicians

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 November 2020. You asked for:

Information on how the Freelancer Fund and Cultural Recovery Fund contributions have been distributed since the start of the pandemic, including how these funds are split by industry; and a breakdown of how many applications for funding were submitted by musicians since the start of lockdown, how many were approved and what amount of funds were allocated.

Our response

I apologise for the delay in replying to this request. Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

The reason is that these funds were delivered on our behalf by the 22 local authorities, and the detail you have requested currently lies with them and will do while the delivery of these funds continues. We do not therefore hold the breakdown by sub sector.

Nevertheless it is our intention to collate this information when the funding is complete, and (as for all COVID emergency funding) we have committed to publishing the information when we do so.

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