



22 December 2021

Dear _____,

ATISN 15726 – Energy Contingency Plans

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 30 November. You asked for:

Further to recent power cuts following storm Arwen and your commitment to switching all transport to electrically charged vehicles, what is your contingency plan if we experience prolonged power disruption in the future?

Our response

While the resilience of the energy system is a matter reserved for the UK Government, the Welsh Government is in frequent dialogue with the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on energy resilience matters that impact on Wales. A national power failure is on the national risk register and we are reviewing Wales' preparedness to deal with such an event working with the UK Government where appropriate.

As a matter of routine work the Welsh Government engages with the Distribution Networks Operators (DNOs) in Wales and the System Operator where we seek information on the resilience of the energy networks in Wales. During specific resilience threats, including adverse weather events, we remain in daily contact with DNOs in Wales to identify specific risks and receive updates on customer re-connections.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on contingency plans of the DNOs in Wales.

Our Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy published in 2021 sets out our plan for improving access for EV charging locations to improve accessibility at and away from the home. Our strategy will support charging of electrical vehicles generally and provide greater resilience in the event of households suffering from a power outage. Further details are available at: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-03/electric-vehicle-charging-strategy-wales.pdf>

Next steps

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Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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