

Our ref: ATISN **16536**

Date: 30 August 2022

Dear

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 August 2022. You asked for:

- 1) All information held by the Welsh Government relating to meetings between representatives of the Welsh Government (including Ministers and officials) and external organisations or individuals in relation to the LGBTQ+ Action Plan. Your request included, but was not limited to, the following:
 - a) information about meetings taking place both before and after the publication of the consultation on the draft LGBTQ+ Action Plan;
 - b) details of when the meetings took place and who attended, including, where relevant, which organisations they represented and what posts they held in the organisations; and
 - c) all meeting agendas, documents provided for the purposes of meetings, any minutes or other notes of meetings or other internal correspondence describing what was said, and documents provided, or other correspondence sent as a result of the meetings.

- 2) All information held by the Welsh Government relating to requests by external organisations or individuals for meetings to discuss the LGBTQ+ Action Plan, where no meeting took place. Your request included, but was not limited to, the following:
 - a) details of who made the requests for meetings and when they did so;
 - b) copies of the requests to meet and any replies to the requests, or any information relating to why no reply was made;
 - c) any other information about why any request to meet was refused; and
 - d) any other internal correspondence about the requests.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment, I 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 request. 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.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested, it would require much more than 24 hours to gather all the correspondence concerning meetings, internal and external, with stakeholders, officials and ministers. This is due to the fact that the LGBTQ+ Action Plan gathers over 50 actions across several departments

and policy areas of Welsh Government. Within the LGBTQ+ policy area, most daily and weekly meetings, internal or external ones, concern actions described in the Plan, since 2021. With an average of 15 to 20 meetings per week and dozens of emails to arrange them, multiplied for each official working in the LGBTQ+ Policy Area and/or leading on each action, over c.2 years, it would make this request excessively laborious and costly, and effectively more than the limit specified for central government. 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, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. 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.

Your Sincerely,