

4 May 2023

Dear

ATISN 17393 Croeso i Bawb Project

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 12 April 2023. You have asked:

1. Who is responsible for the implementation of key performance indicators on the Welsh language in the anti-racism Wales action plan if you do not hold this information, but you created the plan?
2. How much money has the Welsh government given to the National Centre for Learning Welsh for the Croeso i Bawb project? Please provide it as a breakdown.
3. According to your anti racism action plan, the National Centre for Learning Welsh was due to produce a report by March 2023 on the lived experience of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic Welsh language speakers. In your response to me on 31st March, **[official's name redacted]** said "Officials are in continuous dialogue with the National Centre for Learning Welsh about their work in this area and welcome the launch of the Croeso i Bawb project.". Why has the Croeso i Bawb project been delayed?
4. By what date will we be able to access the "Published review with findings used to better inform communication and marketing strategies in order to attract more learners from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities?"

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed below and follows the numbering scheme of your request.

1. Each goal/action in the Plan has a dedicated lead and partners who will be responsible for implementation. There is also an External Accountability Group. The purpose of the External Accountability Group is to ensure progress towards the purpose of the Plan by holding those responsible to account for delivery. The responsibility for ensuring implementation lies with those policy leads and wider sectors who are responsible for the actions. For further details please see Appendix 5 for the External Accountability Group's Terms of Reference: <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-10/appendices.pdf>
2. A sum of £50,000 was allocated to the National Centre for Learning Welsh during 2021-22 to develop the Croeso i Bawb resources. The ongoing cost of running the Croeso i Bawb project is met from the Centre's main grant. We do not hold information on the sum allocated by the Centre to the Croeso i Bawb project from its main grant allocation.
3. The Croeso i Bawb project has not been delayed. It was launched in the Oasis Centre, Splott on 27 January 2023. Croeso i Bawb provision, offers self-study online Learn Welsh courses free of charge in Ukrainian, Cantonese, Arabic, Dari,

and Pashto. SaySomethinginWelsh, in partnership with the National Centre, also offer online Learn Welsh courses through the medium of Arabic, Pashto, and Dari: [Croeso i Bawb | Dysgu Cymraeg](#).

4. The take up of the Croeso i Bawb courses and other Learn Welsh courses is being kept under review, and the Centre will be providing regular updates to Welsh Government on the take up and progress of learners from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities. The Croeso i Bawb courses were launched in January 2023 and should result in more informed and evidence-based findings to inform the Centre's communication and marketing strategies in order to attract more learners from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. The Centre will, therefore, monitor and review the impact of the Croeso i Bawb courses over the next year before presenting a review with findings by 31 March 2024.

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:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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