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22 August 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 18810 – FOI application - accessible social homes

Thank you for your recent request which I acknowledged on 9 August. You asked for information about:

1. How many accessible social homes there are in Wales (separated by county).
2. How many of these accessible homes are reserved for elderly people i.e applicants must be over 50 or 60 years old.

You confirmed the definition of accessible homes as those suitable for wheelchair users with, for example, a ramp and a wet room on ground floor level. You asked for the information to be provided in digital form.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

This information may be obtainable from local authorities and/or housing associations in Wales.

You may be interested to note that Welsh Development Quality Requirements 2021 (WDQR 2021) “Creating Beautiful Homes and Places”, sets out the minimum functional quality standards for new and rehabilitated general needs affordable homes. The Welsh Government encourages housing providers/consultants to aim for standards beyond the minimum requirements specified in the guidance and to adopt a holistic view of quality, recognising the benefit that quality and culturally suitable homes will have on both physical

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and mental well-being. The standard has been applied to all publicly-funded affordable housing schemes submitted to Welsh Government since October 2021.

The Guidance sets out three main quality requirements for affordable housing including provision for homes to be of high quality, innovative and sustainable; safe and secure and more specific to your request - homes should be flexible, responsive to the changing needs of the occupants, meet the changing needs of a variety of households who will occupy the building over its life and be of sufficient size. The full guidance can be accessed here.

[Welsh Development Quality Requirements 2021 \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/welsh-development-quality-requirements-2021)

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