



28 September 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 18913 – Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan

Thank you for your request which I received on 05 September 2023. You asked for the following:

- A) Evidence that the Welsh government has been successful in the increase of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic people seeking local elected office and how this has been measured.*
- B) Please provide the published plans for improved information and engagement in relation to registration and voting that has been achieved by March 2023.*

Our response

In relation to **question A**, Welsh Government is able to confirm that Local Authorities are responsible for conducting a [survey](#) of candidates standing for election at local and governmental elections.

For the last two elections Local Authorities in Wales agreed that Data Cymru undertake the survey of their behalf. The Welsh Government is provided with a report which includes anonymised data which is subsequently published on our website. The report includes information submitted about the ethnicity of candidates. The source data is provided directly to each respective local authority and as a result we do not hold the individual responses.

We are currently considering what further actions we can take in advance of the next local government elections to encourage more individuals to complete and submit their responses to the survey.

In relation to **question B**, Welsh Government holds this information and is attached at the link below.

[Consultation on the electoral administration and reform White Paper \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

The specific information you have requested can be found within Chapter 5 of the attached consultation.



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