25 January 2024

Dear

ATISN 20033 Welsh Refugee Council

Thank you for your request which I received on 2 January 2024.   You asked:

- How much funding the Welsh Government gives to the Welsh Refugee council per year?

Our response

The Welsh Government does not allocate annual recurrent funding to the Welsh Refugee Council. However, the Welsh Refugee Council receives funding for specific purposes via procured contracts or awards of grant funding.

For the financial year 2023-24, the Welsh Government has awarded the Welsh Refugee Council £171,364.90 in grant funding, via the Homelessness Prevention Grant. The Welsh Refugee Council has also received funding as part of a consortium delivering the Welsh Government's commissioned Wales Sanctuary Service. The consortium is led by Welsh Refugee Council but also includes five other third sector organisations. The value of the original contract was £1.08m (excluding VAT), to deliver the service between April 2022 and March 2025.

In response to the Ukraine crisis and support needs of those arriving in Wales, the Wales Sanctuary Service overall contract value was increased to £1.62m (exc VAT). How funds are distributed within the consortium is a matter for consortium members.

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