

8 March 2024

Dear

ATISN 20189 – Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 February 2024. You asked:

“how much illegal immigrants (crossing the channel as an example) has cost the Welsh Tax Payer to house (which would include Wi Fi, television, game consoles, etc), feed, clothe them, this would include paying them a living wage as I have heard too many rumours on how much they are actually getting weekly / monthly. And how much extra is it costing the NHS over the period 2018 to December 2023, i.e., Total it has cost the Welsh Tax Payer.”

Our response

The Welsh Government is only able to provide information in relation to devolved areas of responsibility. All matters relating to immigration and asylum policy including the provision of accommodation and asylum subsistence allowances are all Home Office responsibilities and, therefore, cannot be provided by the Welsh Government.

Further details on how to submit a request to the UK Government can be found [here](#).

The UK Government publishes information regarding the amount of subsistence asylum seekers are paid. You can find this on the UK Government’s website [Asylum support: What you'll get - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Nevertheless, the Welsh Government funds some services to support the integration of asylum seekers dispersed in Wales. The following information is therefore relevant to your request.

Between April 2018 and March 2024, the following funding amounts has been offered:

- £431,250 to Clearsprings Ready Homes between 2021 and 2024 to deliver the asylum accommodation internet project. The project initially ensured asylum seekers could access Covid-19 public health messaging and integration services which had to be delivered remotely due to restrictions.
- £382,500 to Housing Justice Cymru between 2021 and 2024 to deliver our hosting scheme to ensure homeless migrants can access shelter and advice to consider whether they should appeal a decision or return to their country of origin.

You have asked for information in relation to the costs incurred by health boards for NHS treatment. It is the responsibility of Health Boards to provide services to eligible persons, and as such any requests for information on costs incurred would be for individual Health Boards to clarify what information they capture.

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