

10 April 2024

Dear

ATISN 20333 FOI – Channel 4 News – mental health workers in schools and colleges

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11th March. You asked for:

- The number of mental health workers in schools and colleges across Wales, broken down per local authority.
- The number of pupils in schools and students in colleges across Wales, broken down per local authority.
- How this number has changed in the last 5 years.

Our response

The information you requested is below.

Number of school counsellors in Wales per local authority as at 31st August 2023 compared to the number of school counsellors in post in 2019

Local Authority	2019	2023
Isle of Anglesey & Gwynedd	6.00	8.40
Conwy	5.00	5.60
Denbighshire	8.00	7.60
Flintshire	no data	6.80
Wrexham	7.60	9.30
Powys	2.50	11.00
Ceredigion	1.60	7.00
Pembrokeshire	4.90	8.40
Carmarthenshire	7.10	11.60
Swansea	10.50	13.40
Neath Port Talbot	5.30	10.96
Bridgend	no data	5.90
Vale of Glamorgan	3.20	5.20
Rhondda Cynon Taf	9.30	7.09
Merthyr Tydfil	2.80	4.60
Caerphilly	7.00	7.30

Blaenau Gwent	3.20	3.60
Torfaen	4.80	8.00
Monmouthshire	4.00	5.57
Newport	10.00	4.20
Cardiff	7.90	6.62
Total	110.7	158.14

Number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs) in-reach workers in Wales per Local Health Board

Local Health Board	Number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staff
Aneurin Bevan	19.83
Betsi Cadwaladr	31.6
Cardiff & Vale	12.2
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	18.61
Hywel Dda	8.4
Swansea Bay	6.4
Total	97.04

For the total number of pupils and students across schools and colleges in Wales, please refer to the links below.

Pupils in school: [Number of pupils in primary, middle and secondary school classes by local authority and year group \(gov.wales\)](#)

Students in college: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Learners/Further-Education/uniquelearnersenrolledfurthereducationinstitutions-by-domicile-age>

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,