

2 September 2024

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 20858

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 August 2024. You asked for:

- The number of playing fields in Wales each year since 2014.
- The amount of money invested by the Welsh Government into the maintenance of playing fields and promoting outdoor activity amongst adults and children each year since 2014.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, and contacting our funding partner, Sport Wales, on your behalf, I have established that the information regarding the number of playing fields in Wales each year since 2014 is not held by the Welsh Government or Sport Wales.

Regarding money invested by the Welsh Government into the maintenance of playing fields, through our funding Sport Wales do not award any grants or pay for maintenance of pitches (though they can fund equipment for maintenance).

Similarly with promoting outdoor activity, the Welsh Government and their funding partner Sport Wales do not specifically promote outdoor activity, but rather all physical activity, regardless of setting.

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