

Dear

## ATISN 25194 – Flying Start

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26 September 2025.

You requested the following:

- 1) *How much money has each local authority received for the Flying Start programme in the 2024-25 financial year?*
- 2) *The total number of children currently registered on the Flying Start programme.*
- 3) *The number of Flying Start settings run by:*
  - a) *Local Authority*
  - b) *Third Sector*
  - c) *Private Sector.*
- 4) *The locations of Flying Start settings per local authority.*

## Our Response

1. During FY 2024-25, the Children and Communities Grant awarded a total of £107.7 million<sup>(1)</sup> in revenue funding to Local Authorities to support the Flying Start programme.

Local Authority	2024-25 Revenue Funding £
Anglesey	2,263,644
Blaenau Gwent	3,862,619
Bridgend	5,070,371
Caerphilly	8,606,686
Cardiff	13,850,061
Carmarthenshire	6,016,203
Ceredigion	1,814,263
Conwy	3,382,439
Denbighshire	3,256,019
Flintshire	4,834,143
Gwynedd	3,658,057
Merthyr	3,992,159
Monmouthshire	1,907,996
Neath Port Talbot	5,938,050
Newport	8,550,419
Pembrokeshire	3,897,458
Powys	2,680,984
RCT	2,021,301
Swansea	8,988,294
Torfaen	4,026,061

Vale of Glamorgan	4,201,468
Wrexham	4,913,156
<b>Total<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>107,731,852</b>

*<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes revenue expenditure on core Flying Start services in Rhondda Cynon Taf as the local authority reports it jointly with expenditure on Families First services.*

During FY2024-25, the Childcare and Early Years Capital Programme awarded a total of £8.5 million to support sixteen major capital projects, all of which were Flying Start provisions. This funding supported a range of works including refurbishments, extensions, and the development of new standalone childcare settings.

Local Authority	2024-25 Capital Funding £
Blaenau Gwent	131,719
Flintshire	967,903
Gwynedd	829,678
Merthyr Tydfil	1,967,149
NPT	180,000
Newport	198,120
Powys	1,330,134
Swansea	1,122,603
Torfaen	360,550
Vale of Glamorgan	175,000
Wrexham	1,284,277
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,547,133</b>

2. In 2024-25, 40,943 children received Flying Start services:

[Flying Start: April 2024 to March 2025 | GOV.WALES](#)

3 & 4. This information can be accessed via the link below to a Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) pre-prepared data extract of all regulated services:

<https://digital.careinspectorate.wales/directory/data-extract>

In this extract:

- There is a column (column T) to indicate if it is a Flying Start service so this can be filtered to 'Yes'.
- Column CB can be filtered to show the provider type (e.g. Local Authority, Charitable, etc.).
- Columns G to M provide the service address and Local Authority.

## 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](mailto: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,