

24 February 2026

Dear ,

ATISN 26633 – Cultural and community impact considerations of asylum accommodation in Wales

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 30 January 2026. You asked us to provide:

Details of any assessments, data, or policy considerations held by the Welsh Government regarding the impact of asylum seeker accommodation and resettlement in Wales on Welsh language use, Welsh-speaking communities, and local cultural cohesion. In particular, you requested:

1. Whether Welsh language or cultural impact assessments are undertaken when asylum accommodation locations are agreed.
2. Any data held on the proportion of asylum accommodation located in traditionally Welsh-speaking or culturally sensitive communities.
3. Any mitigation measures or policies intended to protect Welsh language use and local cultural continuity in affected areas.

Our response

Information requested: Points 1 & 2

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require relating to points 1 and 2 are not held by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government does not hold that information as policy and decision making relating to accommodation for asylum seekers are the responsibility of the Home Office (UK Government). You can make a Freedom of Information request to the Home Office by email to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Information requested: Point 3

The Welsh Government's Nation of Sanctuary policy is contained in the Welsh Government's [Anti-racist Wales Action Plan](#). The policy is designed to support people seeking sanctuary in Wales to access services and engage with Welsh culture and language. Our Welsh Language policies can be found on the Welsh Government website [Welsh language | Topic | GOV.WALES](#).

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,