

Dear

ATISN 23173 – Request for information about Gwynedd Children’s Services

Thank you for your request which we received on 04 December 2024.

You requested the following information:

- 1. All information Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) hold in relation to the Gwynedd Council’s children’s services team who respond to harmful and problematic sexual behaviours which was established in 2019. This to include: any ongoing CIW monitoring of the children’s services team and whether the children’s services team is still in existence*

Our response

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

CIW monitors and reviews the overall exercise of local authority social services functions in Wales in line with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) act 2014, rather than individual teams within social services specifically. Any information collected, as part of this monitoring, relevant to your request is attached in **Appendix 1** – this is listed below. Where documentation contains information not relevant to your request, we have extracted the relevant information and indicated this.

1. Cyngor Gwynedd published information – publicly available:
 - (a) Director of Social Services annual reports 2019 – 2024
 - (b) Annual performance report and self-assessment 2022 – 2023
2. CIW meetings with Cyngor Gwynedd representatives (as part of regulatory monitoring, evaluation and/or inspection activity):
 - (a) CIW meeting with Director of Social Services 2021 (relevant extract)
 - (b) CIW meeting with Director of Social Services 2022 (relevant extract)
 - (c) CIW meeting with Head of Children Services 2021 (relevant extract)
 - (d) CIW interview with Cyngor Gwynedd social services staff 2021 during inspection (relevant extract)
3. CIW publications - publicly available:
 - (a) Assurance check letter 04 November 2021
 - (b) Local authority performance review letter 03 August 2020
 - (c) National overview report of assurance checks 2020 – 2021
4. Cyngor Gwynedd Care Scrutiny Committee information – publicly available:

- (a) Development of the problematic and harmful sexual behaviour team
- (b) Care scrutiny committee meeting 30 January 2020
- (c) Care scrutiny committee meeting 26 November 2020
- (d) Care scrutiny committee annual scrutiny report 2019 – 2020

5. CIW other information

- (a) Anonymous assurance check staff survey results 2021 (relevant extract)
- (b) CIW internally held redacted information (relevant extract)
- (c) CIW internally held redacted information (relevant extract)
- (d) CIW internally held redacted information (relevant extract)

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

Appendix 1 attached