

6 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26675

Thank you for your request which I received on 6 February. You asked for:

- Copies of all Welsh Government policies, guidance documents or official advice issued since 2017 that relate to agricultural land management practices on hillsides, upland grazing land, or other areas affecting surface water run-off or soil stability.

- A list and description of all grant schemes, subsidies, or financial incentives administered or funded by the Welsh Government since 2017 that relate to:
 - Farming practices on hill or upland land,
 - Soil management or modification,
 - Slurry storage, spreading, or management,
 - Any other land use practice with the potential to affect water absorption or erosion.

- For each such scheme:
 - The name of the scheme,
 - The eligibility criteria,
 - The total amount of funding allocated each year,
 - The number of recipients each year,
 - The geographic area(s) where funding has been awarded.

- Copies of all assessments, studies, reports, monitoring data, or internal reviews commissioned, held, or published by the Welsh Government (including through third parties) since 2017 that examine the impact of the above agricultural policies and grant schemes on:
 - Soil erosion,
 - River water quality,
 - River sedimentation,
 - Surface run-off,
 - Flood risk (including downstream flooding incidents),
 - And any conclusions drawn regarding causation or correlation with local flooding events.

- Any risk assessments or mitigation planning documents undertaken by the Welsh Government that consider whether current agricultural practices contribute to downstream flooding, and what actions are being taken to reduce that risk.

Our response

The requested information can be found:

- Attached at Annex 1 (Ffermio Bro General Rules booklet 2025-26)
- Attached at Annex 2 (Silage, slurry & agricultural fuel oil regulations guidance)
- Attached at Annex 3 (Ffermio Bro)
- Attached at Annex 4 (Ffermio Bro – eligibility criteria)

Additionally, the following websites contain some of the information you have requested:

[Assessing environmental impact in agriculture | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

[Rural grants and payments | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

[Defra, UK - CAP Payments](#)

[Archive Timeline - UK Government Web Archive](#)

[Code of good agricultural practice | GOV.WALES](#)

[The Nitrate Pollution Prevention \(Wales\) Regulations 2013](#)

[Nitrate Vulnerable Zones in Wales - guidance for farmers](#)

[The Water Resources \(Control of Pollution\) \(Silage, Slurry and Agriculture Fuel Oil\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2010 \(guidance attached at Annex 2\)](#)

[Farming Connect - Silage and slurry storage requirements](#)

[The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021](#)

[Control of agricultural pollution regulations: guidance | GOV.WALES](#)

[*In relation to water and flooding:*](#)

Natural Flood Management fund is available to offer support for soil management and land use practice with the potential to affect water absorption or erosion. The current list has been published here:

[FCERM Programme 2026-2027](#)

[DataMapWales - Maps](#)

Further details below:

- Name of scheme: Natural Flood Management Fund 2025-2026 / 2026-2027
- Guidance – [Natural Flood Management: guidance to undertake natural flood management works GOV.WALES](#)
- It is open to all Risk Management Authorities (22 Local Authorities and Natural Resources Wales)
- Allocation of funding for 2025-2026 was £2m, for 2026-2027 it is £5.8m.
- Areas in which funding has been awarded - [DataMapWales - Maps](#)

The Natural Flood Management (NFM) accelerator ran from 2020-2023. From this a review was conducted and subsequently published here - [Review of natural flood management in Wales: final report | GOV.WALES](#). There was no dedicated NFM funding prior to 2020.

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

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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