

Dear

ATISN 26731: Request for Information - Monitoring and Status of Gwynedd Harmful and Problematic Sexual Behaviours Team

Thank you for your request which we received on 17/02/2026.

Information requested

Your request referred to the following:

'In the Care Inspectorate Wales annual performance review letter dated 3 August 2020 concerning Cyngor Gwynedd, reference is made to a newly established multidisciplinary team within children's services, operational since September 2019, intended to respond to harmful and problematic sexual behaviours. The letter states that CIW would be interested in monitoring the success of these arrangements over the following twelve months.'

You asked for:

1. Confirmation as to whether CIW undertook any monitoring, review, or follow-up assessment of this team after the August 2020 letter.
2. If monitoring was undertaken, copies of any recorded monitoring reports, evaluation notes, inspection findings, or internal summaries relating specifically to this team.
3. Confirmation as to whether CIW holds recorded information indicating:
 - a. That the team continued to operate beyond 2020.
 - b. That the team was discontinued, restructured, or absorbed into another service.
4. If CIW holds recorded information indicating the team was discontinued or restructured, the date of that change and any recorded rationale.
5. If no monitoring took place, confirmation as to whether any recorded explanation exists for that position.

Our response

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

CIW responded to a previous request from you in December 2024 (reference ATISN 23173) which was in relation to the Gwynedd Council children's services team who respond to harmful and problematic sexual behaviours established in 2019. We provided all information held by CIW about this team, as set out within the response and annex which can be found here: [FOI release 23173: Childrens services | GOV.WALES](#)

We have therefore considered whether we hold any additional information in respect of the questions you have raised in this request. Our responses to these questions are set out below.

1. Confirmation as to whether CIW undertook any monitoring, review, or follow-up assessment of this team after the August 2020 letter.

No monitoring, review, or follow-up assessment of this team has been undertaken after the August 2020 letter.

2. If monitoring was undertaken by CIW, copies of any recorded monitoring reports, evaluation notes, inspection findings, or internal summaries relating specifically to the team.

No information is held.

3. Confirmation as to whether CIW holds recorded information indicating:
a) That the team continued to operate beyond 2020
b) That the team was discontinued, restructured, or absorbed into another service.

There is reference to this team in the assurance check letter published by CIW dated 04/11/2021. [Care Inspectorate Wales \(CIW\) - Assurance Check 2021: Gwynedd Council](#). No other information is held.

4. If CIW holds recorded information indicating the team was discontinued or restructured, the date of that change and any recorded rationale.

CIW does not hold recorded information indicating the team was discontinued or restructured, the date of that change and any recorded rationale.

5. If no monitoring took place, confirmation whether any recorded explanation exists for that position.

No specific monitoring activity was undertaken in relation to this individual team. In accordance with the [Code of Practice for Review of Local Authority Social Services and Cafcass Cymru](#) monitoring is directed at the overall exercise of local authority social services functions rather than individual teams. As no further intelligence, risks, or concerns had been identified that would warrant focused scrutiny, there was no basis for initiating any team-specific monitoring in this instance.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our 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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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