

13 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26737 – Nation of Sanctuary governance and oversight framework

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 February 2026. You asked for the following information for the period of 1 January 2024 to present:

Strategic Oversight Board

1. Agendas for all meetings.
2. Minutes of all meetings.
3. Action logs, decision logs, or action trackers.
4. Briefing papers, reports, submissions or presentations provided to members.
5. Any papers or correspondence sent to or received from:
 - the Home Office
 - the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government concerning dispersal, accommodation, integration, or migration programmes in Wales.
6. Any documents discussing the Wales Dispersal Plan governance arrangements.

Nation of Sanctuary Working Group

7. Agendas for all meetings.
8. Minutes of all meetings.
9. Progress reports or quarterly summary reports referenced in the Terms of Reference.
10. Policy development papers, implementation plans, or programme monitoring reports.

Cross-Structure Governance

11. Any documents setting out reporting lines between the Working Group, Executive Board and Strategic Oversight Board.
12. Any risk registers, impact assessments or community impact assessments produced in connection with Nation of Sanctuary delivery.
13. Any evaluation reports measuring outcomes, integration impact, or service pressures.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested, an initial scoping exercise was undertaken by a member of staff on our Welsh Government database, iShare. This is the corporate repository for the majority of information created and received by Welsh Government officials in the course of their duties that must be retained for business or historical purposes. A search was conducted on the database using search terms related to your request within corresponding folders.

The searches identified 864 documents within the specified date range. Not all documents relating to your request will be titled these terms, and therefore additional searches would be required.

It is estimated that reviewing each of the identified documents to determine whether they contain information relevant to your request, and subsequently extracting such information, would require approximately two minutes per document. With a total of 864 documents identified, this exercise alone would take in excess of 28 hours.

In addition, your two previous Freedom of Information requests, ATISN 26606 and ATISN 26607, which were submitted within the last 60 working days, required a combined total of approximately 12 hours to process. Since all three requests have been made within 60 consecutive working days and concern similar information, they have been aggregated into a single request for the purpose of calculating the applicable time and cost limits under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The combined estimated time required to process these requests, including the current one, exceeds the appropriate limit established by the regulations.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain or by narrowing the period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request. Please be as specific and focused as possible.

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