

15 April 2026

Dear

### **ATISN 26788 – 24-hour fire patrols**

Thank you for your requests which were received by the Freedom of Information team on 11 March 2026. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

You have asked for:

- 1 The total amount of money the Welsh Government has spent on funding or providing waking watches (24-hour fire patrols) in residential buildings in Wales.
- 2 Please break this down by financial year - since the payments started being made up to present date.
- 3 If possible, please specify how many buildings received this funding.
- 4 If this information is already available in a report or online publication, please direct me to it.

### **Our response**

1. The total spent is £1,487,987.15.
2. This was split across two financial years as follows:  
2024/2025: £136,425.99; and 2025/2026: £1,351,561.16.
3. This expenditure relates to eleven (11) buildings.
4. This information is not currently available online.

### **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](mailto: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