

23 April 2026

Dear

ATISN 26859 – How Welsh Government monitors the conduct of local authority staff in relation to elective home education

Thank you for your request, which was received on 2 April 2026.

Your request relates to the period 1 June 2024 to 31 March 2026 and concerns Welsh Government activity in relation to elective home education (EHE). In particular, you have asked for information regarding:

- (a) training provided to local authority staff on elective home education during the specified time frame;
- (b) monitoring, auditing or feedback on local authority staff conduct, practices and policies relating to EHE (including written policies);
- (c) monitoring of complaints relating to local authority conduct or policy on EHE; and
- (d) whether home educators' views have informed monitoring or feedback referenced in the responses for a-c.

Our response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information requested.

In relation to point a, the Welsh Government has not delivered training to local authorities in the specified time frame and does not collect or hold information on any training arranged or delivered by local authorities.

In relation to points b and c the Welsh Government does not formally monitor, audit or provide written feedback on local authority elective home education policies. Local authorities are responsible for developing and maintaining their own policies within the legislative framework.

The Welsh Government does not centrally monitor or record complaints made about local authority staff conduct or local authority policies in relation to elective home education. Any such complaints are managed by the relevant local authority in line with their own complaints procedures. You may wish to contact individual local authorities to request the particular information you are looking for.

In relation to point d, the Welsh Government does not hold the information requested. This would be a matter for the individual local authorities.

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.of.information@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, and will not consider requests that are invalid under section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This includes where a requester has not made the request under their real name.

Yours sincerely