

23 April 2026

Dear

**ATISN 26886 - Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment)
(Wales) Act Out of Court Disposal Group**

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 April. You asked for:

1. Copies of any correspondence exchanged between Welsh Government officials and individuals in their capacity as members of the Out of Court Disposals Task and Finish Group, where that correspondence specifically relates to the evaluation of the Out of Court Disposal Scheme, as considered within the remit of the Group. This would include, but not be limited to, relevant emails, letters, meeting papers, and notes or records of meetings or discussions.
2. Copies of the agreed and final minutes from all meetings of the Out of Court Disposals Task and Finish Group, where these have not already been published.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

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

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Correspondence type – Paper for the Task and Finish Group setting out recommendations and timescales for the development of a suitable diversion scheme in Wales

Reference to the evaluation:

5.13 The O OCD&DS Task and Finish Group were of the view that to ensure greater national consistency and to facilitate coordination of training delivery Welsh Government should lead on procuring development of the bespoke parenting course, and associated training and evaluation.

Correspondence type - Presentation made to the Task and Finish Group 11 July meeting which included reference to the key tasks and dates for the group to agree if the tasks and timescales were acceptable for inclusion in the Groups Terms of Reference.

Reference to the evaluation:

Evaluation of the scheme – to be agreed

- 2. Copies of the agreed and final minutes from all meetings of the Out of Court Disposals Task and Finish Group, where these have not already been published.**

Agreed and final minutes of the Out of Court Disposal Group are published on the Welsh Government website.

For information, the 19 March 2020 meeting was cancelled.

Minutes relating to the Out of Court Disposal Group meeting which took place on 11 July 2019 could not be located on the Welsh Government website. A copy of the agreed and final minutes is attached. We will arrange publication of the minutes in due course.