



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

5 May 2026

Dear ,

Request for internal review in respect of ATISN 26787 – British Sign Language and First Aid in the Curriculum for Wales

Thank you for your email which was received on 7 April 2026. In your email you requested an internal review of the Welsh Government's response to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have been asked to lead the review. In that capacity my responsibility is to consider your original request, the actions undertaken by officials in responding to your request and the response you received. In doing so I have to consider whether or not the Welsh Government complied with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am conscious that in your request for a review you asked that I also consider compliance with statutory duties, explain certain courses of action and clarify compliance with statutory duties. These requests fall outside of the parameters of a review. My considerations are therefore restricted to the following points of your request:

1. Grounds for Internal Review

I am requesting an internal review of the Welsh Government's response to ATISN 26787 on the basis that the response:

- failed to identify or disclose recorded information that must exist,*
- failed to conduct adequate searches,*

8. The response fails to answer the FOI questions

I will start with the considerations in relation to British Sign Language. I can confirm that my review has shown an extensive examination of the information held by the Welsh Government was undertaken in response to your initial request. I have reviewed that activity, and can confirm that there is no additional information relevant to your request held by the Welsh Government.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Turning to the matter of First Aid training, I can confirm that while a significant amount of documentation was reviewed in response to your initial request, a re-examination of the records has identified some additional information of relevance. I believe that these do fall within the terms of your original request, and should have been released. These are attached as follows:

02 November 2017	C Manning, Red Cross, to L Hopkin, Welsh Government	Email including an attachment with data on the percentage of schools in each local authority area who had received first aid training in 2017 from British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross and St John Cymru-Wales
12 January 2018	A Fletcher, British Heart Foundation, to L Hopkin, Welsh Government	Email enclosing a Response from the British Heart Foundation Cymru, the British Red Cross (Wales) and St John Cymru to the draft Health and Wellbeing Area of Learning Experience statements.
23 February 2018	A Fletcher, British Heart Foundation, to L Hopkin, Welsh Government	Email trail between the British Heart Foundation and Welsh Government discussing the response to the Health and Wellbeing AoLE Statement.
09 July 2018	Various	<p>Email exchange between stakeholders and Welsh Government officials arranging a meeting.</p> <p>It includes reference to additional materials supplied by stakeholders, but not the copies of those documents, which are not included elsewhere in the files, and so cannot be released.</p>
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23 September 2018	C Manning, Red Cross, to L Hopkin, Welsh Government	An email from the Red Cross containing a powerpoint presentation to be made to pioneer schools as part of the work to inform the development of Curriculum for Wales
25 March 2019	E Henwood, British Heart Foundation, to Welsh Government	Consultation Response from the British Heart Foundation

I am therefore partially upholding your complaint.

I can confirm that having conducted this review I am satisfied that we have now identified and released all the relevant information held by Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,

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