



22 May 2026

Dear ,

**ATISN 26939**

### Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026. You asked for:

#### 1. Policy assessments referencing welfare reform and health

Any internal policy assessments, Integrated Impact Assessments, Health Impact Assessments, or analytical papers produced by Welsh Government between January 2013 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) which include discussion of the health impacts in Wales of UK Government welfare reforms, including but not limited to:

- the two-child limit on Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit;
- the household benefit cap;
- the removal of the spare room subsidy;
- the rollout of Universal Credit in Wales

#### 2. Health inequalities analysis

Any internal analytical papers, briefings, or reports produced between January 2013 and December 2024 which examine the relationship between welfare reform and health inequalities in Wales, including impacts on:

- deprived communities;
- areas of high deprivation as defined by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation;
- or former industrial or coalfield areas.

*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.*

### **3. Ministerial-level briefings**

Any ministerial briefing papers or submissions produced between January 2018 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) which discuss the health impacts of welfare reform in Wales.

### **4. Intergovernmental correspondence**

Any correspondence between Welsh Government and UK Government Ministers between January 2018 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) which specifically references health impacts of welfare reform in Wales.

### **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 would require searches of our electronic filing system. Our initial searches of electronic files have identified approximately 17,240 documents of various sizes and complexity that may relate to your request. Each of these documents would need to be manually reviewed to consider whether they are wholly or partially within scope of your request. Assuming that each review takes at least 30 seconds, this would take at least 143 hours.

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

Your request is asking for a wide range of information covering a period of 11 years (2013 – 2024). Future requests may be more effective if they are more specific about the information required, including dates or timeframes relevant to the information required. You may wish to consider:

- any specific questions you want answered;
- particular information you are seeking; or
- the key issues or outcomes you want to understand.

If you can define the information you require, this would make it easier to identify relevant material and to provide a more focused response.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

## **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