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Dear

## **ATISN 26879 – Population Health**

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 10 April 2026 relating to the implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and its relationship to health policy in Wales.

You requested the following information:

1. *Internal assessments referencing health outcomes*

*Any internal policy evaluations, programme assessments, or analytical papers produced by Welsh Government between May 2016 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) which include assessment or discussion of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in relation to population health outcomes in Wales.*

2. *“A Healthier Wales” progress assessments*

*Any internal briefing papers, ministerial submissions, or analytical documents produced between May 2016 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) that assess progress towards the “A Healthier Wales” well-being goal under the Act, including documents which identify barriers, risks, or concerns about delivery.*

3. *Implementation limitations and governance analysis*

*Any internal documents produced between May 2016 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) that discuss limitations, challenges, or weaknesses in the Act’s implementation, monitoring, accountability, or delivery mechanisms as they relate to health outcomes.*

## **Our Response**

From our preliminary assessment, it is not clear what information you are specifically requesting. This means unfortunately, we couldn’t proceed with your request fully without further clarification on what information you are seeking.

You may wish to consider refining your request by being more specific about what specific information you wish to obtain. Welsh Government advice to requestors is if they do wish to resubmit a more focused request, they may wish to take some time to consider / identify what specific information it is they are looking for, what is the question they want an answer to, and clarifying the core information they require. If you do refine your request in this way and submit a revised request, it will be treated as a new request.

While we are unable to respond directly to your points above, we can provide general information that aligns with your request. We have set this out below:

In respect of your request relating to A Healthier Wales (point 2). The Welsh Government has published a 10-year health and care strategy entitled A Healthier Wales. It was published in 2018. The strategy has been developed taking account of the goals of the

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 as set out in the strategy. I attach a link which provides a copy of the strategy and the delivery plans which outline how the strategy is being implemented - [A healthier Wales: long term plan for health and social care | GOV.WALES](#).

In relation to point 3, we can provide a partial response:

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ("the Act") gives a legally-binding common purpose – the 7 well-being goals – for public bodies under it, including the Welsh Government through Welsh Ministers. It details how we must work together to improve the well-being of Wales. The well-being of future generations agenda is driving continuous improvement in how government and public bodies in Wales work and the key provisions of the Act.

However, the Act is not prescriptive in the delivery of any one specific policy area, such as health policy. The purpose of the Act is to be a framework for the overarching and holistic approach to working, including the aim of the policy (the well-being goals) and the way we work to develop and deliver those policies (the sustainable development principle).

### **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,