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Dear

ATISN 26956 - Equine based alternative learning provisions

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 May 2026.

Your request is seeking anonymised data to support a study on equine-based alternative learning provision. Your research aims to understand the experiences of children and young people (aged 5–25) who access this type of provision, whether full-time, part-time, or as an intervention, and how it compares to mainstream education.

You are requesting local authority-level data for 2024–25 and current figures, including:

- Numbers or percentages of learners attending equine-based provision (by age group)
- The proportion with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND/ALN)
- Demographic information (gender, ethnicity, FSM eligibility, care status)
- Whether provision is delivered as EOTAS or through EHCP/IDP arrangements

You have asked for this information to be returned by email and are open to it being forwarded to the appropriate team if needed. The research deadline is February 2027.

Our response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information requested.

Details on the specific types of alternative provision utilised are held at a local authority level, as these decisions are made based on local needs and available provision; you may therefore find it appropriate to reach out to local authorities in Wales for further information.

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

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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