

23 July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27145 – Welsh language use

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 June. You asked for information as outlined at Annex 1.

Our response

In 2020, the Welsh Government published [Exploratory analysis of learner performance by learner-level and school-level characteristics, including Welsh language characteristics, 2011 to 2018](#), an analysis of learner attainment by Welsh language characteristics between 2011 and 2018. The analysis of educational attainment is based on data collected during that period, including teacher assessments from the Foundation Phase to Key Stage 3 and examination results at Key Stage 4. It also considers the language of educational provision and whether learners speak Welsh at home. The following internal documents related to the publication above are also provided:

1. Achievement by Medium Analysis
2. Achievement by Medium Analysis including 2018
3. Briefing – pupil attainment by educational medium 2011-2018

In addition, a range of analyses relevant to this request have been undertaken since 1 January 2018. Copies of these analyses are attached.

The Welsh Government holds the following datasets that contain information relevant to this request:

1. Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) – [Technical completion notes](#) available online provide detailed information about the dataset.
2. School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC) – [Technical completion notes](#) available online provide detailed information about the dataset.
3. Educational attainment data – The Welsh Government holds data on [results of external examinations](#) taken by pupils, which includes GCSE and A Levels. Data is also held on teacher assessments from the Foundation Phase to Key Stage 3 for the period prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Welsh Government regularly analyses these datasets, and the findings are published through the [Statistics and Research section of GOV.WALES](#). The published paper referenced above drew on these datasets, including those variables referred to in this request.

ADR Wales also published [Data Insight papers](#) in March 2026 that may include some information of relevance to your 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 e-mail: 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

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Any analysis undertaken since 1 January 2018 concerning the relationship between:

- Pupils' home language;
- School language category (Welsh-medium, English-medium, dual-stream or equivalent classifications); and
- Educational attainment.

Please provide:

1. Copies of any reports, statistical analyses, briefing papers, presentations, ministerial submissions, commissioned research, or internal reviews which examine educational attainment by home language and school language category.
2. Copies of any analysis comparing the attainment of:
 - Pupils from English-speaking homes attending Welsh-medium schools;
 - Pupils from English-speaking homes attending English-medium schools;
 - Pupils from Welsh-speaking homes attending Welsh-medium schools.
3. Confirmation of whether Welsh Government holds datasets that contain:
 - Home language information;
 - School language category information; and
 - Educational attainment data.
4. If such datasets are held, confirmation of whether Welsh Government has undertaken any statistical analysis using these variables since 2018.
5. If no such analysis has been undertaken, please confirm this.