

27 August 2026

Dear

ATISN 27287 – Nation of Sanctuary expenditure & Data regarding asylum seekers and refugees in Wales

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 31 July 2026. You asked for the following information for the financial years 2018-2019 to 2025-2026:

1. Expenditure under the Nation of Sanctuary plan and related migrant support:
 - Total spend under the Nation of Sanctuary plan (or any successor or related programme), disaggregated by:
 - Financial year
 - Type or category of spending (for example: accommodation, integration support, advice services, education, health-related support, community projects, staffing, grants to third parties, or any other classifications routinely used)
 - Any additional or related expenditure on migrant support, refugee resettlement, or asylum-related initiatives funded or administered by the Welsh Government that falls outside the formal Nation of Sanctuary budget lines, again broken down by year and type of spending where held.
2. Asylum seekers and refugees supported in Wales:
 - Any data held on the number of asylum seekers and/or refugees supported in Wales (whether through Home Office dispersal arrangements, Welsh Government programmes, or local authority provision), disaggregated by year and, if available, by nationality or status category.
 - Temporary accommodation costs reimbursed by the Welsh Government (or by the Home Office via the Welsh Government) to local authorities in Wales for asylum seekers or refugees, broken down by:
 - Financial year
 - Local authority (where held)
 - Type of accommodation (for example hotel / contingency versus longer-term or dispersal accommodation) if recorded

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed:

1. Expenditure under the Nation of Sanctuary plan and related migrant support:

- Total spend under the Nation of Sanctuary plan:

This information is already publicly available at the following links:

- Nation of Sanctuary expenditure 2019-2025: [ATISN 26247 - Freedom of Information request - 7 November 2025](#)
- Nation of Sanctuary expenditure 2025-2026: [ATISN 27160 - Freedom of Information request - 28 July 2026](#)
- Any additional or related expenditure falling outside the formal Nation of Sanctuary budget lines: please see **Annex A**

2. Asylum seekers and refugees supported in Wales:

- Data held on the number of asylum seekers and/or refugees supported in Wales:

The Welsh Government does not hold this data, it is held and recorded by the UK Government. The Home Office publishes immigration statistics quarterly at the following link: [Immigration system statistics data tables - GOV.UK](#)

- Temporary accommodation costs reimbursed by the Welsh Government to local authorities in Wales for asylum seekers or refugees:

The Welsh Government has not, and does not, reimburse costs to local authorities for temporary accommodation used by asylum seekers. Asylum accommodation is a Home Office responsibility, not the Welsh Government.

For further information, the Home Office can be contacted via the following email: enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk

The Welsh Government funds local authorities to provide homelessness assistance but we do not collect information demographic information about beneficiaries, such as refugee status.

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

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

Annex A – Information released

The Welsh Government does not record expenditure based on specific demographic groups, including migrants, within mainstream budget allocations. Consequently, information on expenditure specifically attributable to migrants is not held.

Following a search of our records, I have identified the following Welsh Government funding which is in scope of your request:

Project	2018-19 (£000s)	2019-20 (£000s)	2020-21 (£000s)	2021-22 (£000s)	2022-23 (£000s)	2023-24 (£000s)	2024-25 (£000s)	2025-26 (£000s)
Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in care, looked after by local authorities	200	0	119	1,060	368.3	375	375	375