

18 September 2026

Dear

ATISN 27387 - Specialist post 16 education

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 August 2026. You asked for:

Information in relation to learners commissioned to attend specialist colleges for the 2026/27 academic year, including:

- *The total number of learners commissioned to attend Independent Special Post-16 Institutions (ISPI) in Wales for the 2026/27 academic year*
- *Of these, the number of learners in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 of their placement.*
- *The number of Welsh learners commissioned to attend an ISPI or specialist post-16 institution (SPI) in England.*
- *A breakdown of this information by local authority.*

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

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

Data Response

LA	Welsh ISPIs			English ISPIs			Totals
	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	
Anglesey (Ynys Mon)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blaenau Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bridgend	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Caerphilly	4	6	0	1	0	0	11
Cardiff	19	15	0	1	6	1	42
Carmarthenshire	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Ceredigion	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Conwy	3	4	1	0	0	0	8
Denbighshire	8	2	0	1	0	0	11
Flintshire	8	4	0	2	0	0	14
Gwynedd	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Merthyr	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Monmouthshire	0	5	0	0	1	0	6
Neath Port Talbot	3	3	0	0	0	0	6
Newport	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
Pembrokeshire	1	2	3	2	2	0	10
Powys	3	3	1	5	0	1	13
RCT	1	5	0	0	0	1	7
Swansea	1	2	0	0	2	2	7
Torfaen	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
Vale of Glamorgan	3	5	0	1	1	0	10
Wrexham	8	7	0	1	2	0	18
Totals	66	83	5	16	18	5	193
	154			39			193

To Note: Figures are based on which placement year each learner is in at the commencement of academic year 2026/27 (September 2026)