11 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0026 Literacy and Numeracy Age Related Expectations

Thank you for your request which we received on 14 October. You asked for:

Information relating to the development and approval of age-related expectations for literacy and numeracy. The request covers documents being developed to provide these details, including those described as age related expectations and year by year expectations. Your request is for the period 1 July to 14 October 2026 inclusive and seeks relevant drafts, correspondence (including emails and Teams messages) and review comments, advice and recorded decisions, and information on the timetable, approval stages and status of the documents.

Our response

As indicated in our letter of 16 October, from a preliminary assessment we estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require staff across the Learning, Communities and Culture Group to identify, locate and extract relevant information, before providing it to the lead officer to collate and coordinate the response.

An initial search of our electronic document storage system identified 160 documents which may contain information relevant to your request. Each would need to be individually reviewed to determine whether it falls within scope and, where relevant, to identify and extract the relevant information. This initial search does not include emails, Teams messages or other work-related correspondence, which are also covered by your request and would require separate searches and review.

We estimate that 20 individuals or areas across the Group would need to contribute to this work, either by searching and reviewing their records or by coordinating searches, collating and reviewing the information returned, assessing and formatting material for disclosure and preparing the response. Based on the estimated time required from each individual or area, this would amount to approximately 61 hours of staff time. Given the estimated time required, we have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

As outlined in our letter of 16 October, you may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new 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 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