Date: 10 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0031 - Share Platform - Homes for Ukraine

Information Requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 14 October 2026, relating to the UK Government (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) Share Homes for Ukraine data system. You asked for:

1. The costs incurred by the Welsh Government onboarding onto Share.

2. The Welsh Government's costs of using Share during the 2025/26 financial year.

3. The total annual cost of the system the Welsh Government used for Homes for Ukraine data before Share, in its last full financial year of operation.

4. Any record of the decision to adopt Share and stop using that system, including the reasons for that decision.

5. Any quantitative data held on the benefits Share has delivered for the Welsh Government since it was adopted.

6. Any agreement, memorandum of understanding or charging arrangement between the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to Share.

For questions 1 to 3, you asked the Welsh Government to provide a breakdown of staff costs and other costs where this is already held.

Our response

A copy of the information we have decided to release is enclosed.

We have considered each element of your request separately. Our response is set out below using the numbering in your request.

1. The Welsh Government incurred no costs in onboarding to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Share platform.

2. The Welsh Government incurred no costs in using Share during the 2025/26 financial year.

3. The total annual cost of the system used by the Welsh Government for Homes for Ukraine data prior to onboarding to Share was £251,592.94 in its last full financial year of operation.

4. Please refer to Annex 1.

5. Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that no information is held by the Welsh Government regarding quantitative data on the benefits Share has delivered for the Welsh Government since it was adopted.

6. The Welsh Government does not hold any agreement, memorandum of understanding or charging arrangement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to Share that falls within the scope of this request.

A breakdown of staff costs and other costs is not held. The total amount requested is provided in response to question 3.

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,

ATISN 26-0031 – Annex 1 – Information for Question 4

The information within the scope of this request is provided below. This advice was provided to and agreed by the 2021-2026 Welsh Government administration.

Advice dated 13 March 2026

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip was asked to agree that officials could progress the shutdown of the Ukraine Data Platform.

15. The Ukraine Data Platform (UDP) has been used to share data between public sector bodies in Wales for the Homes for Ukraine scheme since 2022. Due to data sharing issues between the Home Office and MHCLG, it has not been possible to develop the platform to incorporate data relating to the UPE. Officials have subsequently liaised with MHCLG and local authorities to determine the need to continue the UDP, or transition to Share – MHCLG's new Homes for Ukraine data system. Initial feedback from local authorities is that there is a need for a centralised data system, however this does not need to be the UDP.

16. Officials are exploring bringing the UPD to a close on 30 June 2026 and transitioning to MHCLG's Share platform from 1 July 2026, with access to the UDP retained up to 30 September 2026 to enable a thorough data cleanse and shut down of the platform.

This advice was agreed by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd & Chief Whip on 17 March 2026.