



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 11974

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Dear ,

ATISN 11974 – Votes for 16 and 17 year olds

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 28 January. Please see a response to each of your requests set out below:

1. The number of 16/17 year olds that would qualify to vote in Wales under your proposals.

Following last year's Welsh Government consultation on reforming the electoral system in Wales, it has been proposed that 16 and 17 year olds would be given the right to vote in council elections. Information relating to the number of 16 and 17 year olds in Wales is available on StatsWales and I have attached the link for reference:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Population-and-Migration/Population/Estimates/nationallevelpopulationestimates-by-year-age-ukcountry>

2. The number of those identified in 1, who pay local government and/or national taxes in Wales/UK.

Welsh Government does not hold this information. It may be available on request from HMRC.

3. The number of those identified in 1, who are attending any form of: **a) formal education** **b) formal apprenticeships**

Numbers of 16 and 17 year olds in education or on apprenticeships can be found on StatsWales using the following links. The information is based on academic age (that is, the age at the start of the academic year) and therefore, those with an academic age of 15 will become 16 during the course of the academic year.

Formal education: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Schools-and-Teachers/Schools-Census/Pupil-Level-Annual-School-Census/Pupils/pupils-by-localauthorityregion-agegroup>

Further education, work-based learning and local authority adult community learning:
<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Lifelong-Learning-Wales-Record/uniquelearnernumbers-by-age-gender>

c) number unemployed and receiving any form of state benefits

Welsh Government does not hold this information. In order to be helpful, I have attached the link to relevant websites where this information may be found: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>
<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/jsf/login.xhtml>

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>

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 the 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: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

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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,