

12 February 2018

Dear ,

**ATISN 11979 – Children missing from education**

Thank you for your request which I received on 29 January 2018. You asked for the following information:

How many children is the Welsh Government aware of, at the latest count (specifying when the latest count was taken) were reported as 'missing from education'?

For the purpose of this request, 'missing from education' is clarified as meaning those who are not registered as pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education elsewhere.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Local authorities are required to make suitable arrangements to enable them to establish the identities of children residing in their area who are not receiving 'suitable education'. You may wish, therefore, to contact local authorities directly on this subject.

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: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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