



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 12321

Date: 31 May 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 12321

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 12 May 2018. I have provided my response to each of the questions you submitted.

Has the Welsh Government any Policies regarding the Investigation of Reported Child Exploitation? If so can we please have copies of such Policies?

We have no specific policies which relate to this issue. Responsibility for the investigation of any alleged criminal offence rests solely with the police. In reporting any such allegations to the police we would follow Welsh Government legislation and statutory guidance relating to child and adult protection. Any allegations involving staff would, whilst not impinging on any investigation by the police, follow the Welsh Government's Discipline Policy and Procedures in so far as that were possible.

Is there for instance a requirement that witnesses be interviewed, that evidence be considered, and that records of such investigations be kept?

To the extent that this were possible without impinging on any police investigation, these requirements would be implemented in relation to any allegations against staff. This would be done in accordance with employment law requirements and the ACAS Code of Practice and Guidance on Discipline and Grievance, as reflected in our Discipline Policy and Procedures. Such requirements exist for all matters relating to allegations of misconduct or gross misconduct involving staff.

Finally do such Policies change in any way when Government premises and senior Government Officials are, allegedly of course, involved?

No.

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

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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