

Our Ref: ATISN 13708



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Welsh Government

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Dear ,

### **Request for Information – ATISN 13708**

Thank you for your refined request for information, which I received on 4 February. You asked for:

1. The terms of reference for the Welsh Government grants received by Fields Data Recovery UK, as listed in this FOI response - <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-01/171011atisn11558ltr.pdf>
2. Any Welsh Government reports or analysis of the use of the Welsh Government grants by Fields Data Recovery UK.

I have concluded 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 deal with 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.

As outlined in my letter of 29 January, an initial search of our paper files has highlighted a large number of documents which may be relevant to question 2. The information for both questions is contained in paper files that date back to 2007. I estimate that to respond to your request as a whole, it would far exceed the appropriate limit of 24 working hours to retrieve and extract all of the information requested.

I note that in your refined request, for your second question, you asked us to search for the documents in reverse chronological order from the most recent until I reach the



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appropriate limit of 24 working hours. [Guidance](#) from the Information Commissioner states that under section 12, a public authority is not obliged to search up to the appropriate limit. Para 30 of the Guidance refers:

*30. If a public authority does carry out some searches, it may wish to bear in mind the following points:*

- *A public authority is not obliged to search up to the appropriate limit.*

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to narrow the focus of your request as mentioned in my previous letter of 29 January. You could do this by focussing on a specific timeframe or to define what type of report or analysis in which you are interested. If you do send a further request, this will be considered as a new request.

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](mailto: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