



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

30 October 2020

Dear

ATISN 14343 Penally Camp

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 September 2020 about the use of the Penally Camp in Pembrokeshire as a Home Office accommodation centre for asylum seekers.

Again, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request for information.

Your request asked for a copy of all correspondence, redacted where required, between the Home Office and the Welsh Government departments and officials, relating to the recent change in use of the MOD training camp at Penally in Pembrokeshire to a Home Office Asylum Seeker processing centre.

All information up to the time of the request is enclosed

I have decided that some information (names of officials) in the enclosed documents are exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40 sets out an exemption from the right to know if the information requested is personal information protected by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

“personal data” means data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from those data; or from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller.

We have concluded that, in this instance, the names of the officials within the information requested amounts to personal data. Under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act, personal data is exempt from release if disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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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

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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