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Welsh Government

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Ein Cyf/Our Ref: ATISN 15183

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Dear

### **ATISN 15183 – Laptops and routers distributed**

Thank you for your request which I received on 02 June 2021. You asked for:

- information relating to the number of laptops (including tablets and other equipment) and internet routers/connectivity equipment that have been distributed to pupils in Wales, on a local authority basis

### **Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed below. Please note, these figures do not include any local arrangements made by individual local authorities or schools to either purchase or loan other equipment to learners.

### **Hwb programme**

The [Hwb programme](#) – delivered in collaboration with all local authorities across Wales – has seen the Welsh Government invest in excess of £145 million in education technology (EdTech) in recent years. This investment is helping transform the EdTech infrastructure in schools and deliver national services which are accessible to all learners and practitioners.

The devices listed in the table below – broken down by local authority - have been distributed via the Hwb programme, which continues to provide long-term support to education delivery in Wales.

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*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.*

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Devices (Laptops, Chromebooks &amp; Tablets)</b>
Blaenau Gwent	2985
Bridgend	9098
Caerphilly	13813
Cardiff	22768
Carmarthenshire	15875
Ceredigion	3690
Conwy	5466
Denbighshire	5363
Flintshire	9435
Gwynedd	8584
Isle of Anglesey	4536
Merthyr Tydfil	4168
Monmouthshire	3778
Neath Port Talbot	9826
Newport	6556
Pembrokeshire	6892
Powys	4889
Rhondda Cynon Taf	15626
Swansea	13713
VoG	6412
Torfaen	3652
Wrexham	8446
<b>Total:</b>	<b>185571</b>

### **Support for Digitally Excluded Learners – Mifi Devices and Neverware Licences**

As part of Welsh Government's [‘Stay Safe, Stay Learning’](#) response to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of short-term initiatives were established to support digitally excluded learners in maintained schools across Wales, in addition to the Hwb programme initiatives already underway. The information provided in the table below relates directly to some of these initiatives.

Local Authority	MiFi Devices	Neverware Licenses
Blaenau Gwent	100	1000
Bridgend	310	559
Caerphilly	842	800
Cardiff	2500	0
Carmarthenshire	300	1250
Ceredigion	115	0
Conwy	226	123
Denbighshire	125	0
Flintshire	165	0
Gwynedd	170	0
Isle of Anglesey	125	240
Merthyr Tydfil	250	0
Monmouthshire	200	300
Neath Port Talbot	200	824
Newport	1300	770
Pembrokeshire	300	0
Powys	600	700
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1400	1200
Swansea	500	65
VoG	560	1356
Torfaen	350	230
Wrexham	210	300
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10848</b>	<b>9717</b>

### Definitions:

- Mifi Devices – a mobile internet connection;
- Neverware licences – software to re-purpose existing devices to support learners to access remote learning from home.

Further details on the wider support provided to digitally excluded learners throughout the pandemic can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/device-and-connectivity-update-digitally-excluded-learners-during-coronavirus-covid-19-html>

### Next steps

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)

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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