



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

10 June 2021

Dear

ATISN 15198: One Voice Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 June 2021. You asked for:

1. The amount of grant, phased over several years awarded to set up One Voice Wales, from 2002 onwards; and
2. The number of enquiries made by community and town councils to the principal councils or to the Welsh Office before the establishment of One Voice Wales.

With regards to your first request, we have understood this to mean the public funds paid annually to One Voice Wales, since it was established in 2004, as a core grant to ensure the organisation remains financially sustainable as a representative body of community and town councils. I enclose a list of the core grant payments, at Annex A, made to One Voice Wales from the Welsh Government from 2004 onwards.

Regarding your second request, we do not hold information about any enquiries the community and town councils may have made directly to the principal councils or to the Welsh Office.

We do not hold information regarding the number of enquiries received from community and town councils by the-then Welsh Assembly Government prior to 2004. In order to identify whether any such enquiries were received, we would need to search through all records that have been retained for the period 1998 to 2004. However, most of our records for that period would have been destroyed in line with the relevant records retention policies. . Currently this is that most records are destroyed after 7 years.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
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- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

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Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely