



ATISN 15340

23 July 2021

Dear ,

**ATISN 15340 – Social Care Reform**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 20 July. You requested the following relating to Social Care Reform:-

*For the period between July 2020 to July 2021*

- a) *The First Minister and UK Government ministers;*
- b) *The Health Minister and UK Government ministers and;*
- c) *Welsh Government ministers and external stakeholder and sector groups in Wales;*

**Our Response**

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of our electronic filing system and approximately 10 mailboxes. Searching our filing system alone has retrieved over **5,000** pieces of correspondence of various sizes and complexity when using the key terms and time frame that you have provide. Consequently, after considering the regulations and applying the timescales for review, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

From my assessment, I estimate 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 answer your request. As such, your request should be refused, as dealing with it would exceed the 'appropriate limit' set out under Section 12 of the Act. The 'appropriate limit' is set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations and, for central government, that's £600 or 24 hours. This means if we estimate it would take over 24 hours to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it then we can refuse the request.

You may wish to refine your request by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

## **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)

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,