

6 February 2023

Dear

ATISN 17027 – Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru

Information Requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 9 January 2023 and for your follow-up email received on 14 January 2023. You have asked:

1. How much money has the Welsh Government given to Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru over the past 10 years?
2. What proportion of Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru's board of trustees are Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic?
3. What proportion of Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru's lecturers are Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic?
4. Please provide Coleg Cenedlaethol's strategic equality plan and past copies of the plan since the Coleg's inception.
5. How does the government regulate the public sector equality duty at Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru?
6. What proportion of beneficiaries of the research scholarships have been BAME over the past 10 years?
7. What proportion of beneficiaries of the research scholarships have been White over the past 10 years?
8. Please provide the equality impact assessment for the BAME specific mentor scheme.

Our Response

1. How much money has the Welsh Government given to Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru (the Coleg) over the past 10 years?

During the past 10 years, the Welsh Government has paid the Coleg £38,305,245. This sum covers the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2022. No direct grant payments were made to the Coleg before the 2017-18 financial year.

5. How does the government regulate the public sector equality duty at Coleg Cenedlaethol Cymru?

The Coleg is not covered by the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) as it is not a public body, neither is it a Welsh Government sponsored body.

The Welsh Government does not have a specific regulatory role in respect of PSED organisations. The Equality and Human Rights Commission acts as the regulator to ensure compliance and delivery of actions which support PSED.

All organisations in receipt of grant funding from Welsh Government are required to put in place and apply equality policies covering employment, use of volunteers and provision of services, in accordance with the Equality Act. This applies irrespective of whether they are covered by the PSED.

As outlined in my letter of 12 January 2023, the information at points 2-4 and 6-8 above is not held by the Welsh Government. I have checked with the Coleg and they have confirmed that they would be happy to consider your request for information. The Coleg has noted, however, that they do not hold all the information you seek in relation to points 2-4 and 6-8.

I understand from your email of 14 January 2023 that you do not seek to ask the Coleg for this information. Unfortunately, whilst I am able to transfer your request, I am not able to act as an intermediary between you and the Coleg.

Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request. Alternatively, should you decide to ask the Coleg for information, they can be contacted at: gwybodaeth@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.

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

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