

05 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 19086 – schools in special measures

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 September 2023. You asked for details relating to 'How many primary and secondary schools in Wales are currently in 'special measures' and/or identified as being 'in need of significant improvement'. We note that this request is similar to information requested on 7 February 2023 (ATISN 17129).

Our response

As previously stated, in relation to your question regarding the number of primary and secondary schools in special measures or require significant improvement, this information is exempt under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible to applicant by other means). Current and up to date information about schools in special measures and requiring significant improvement is publicly available on Estyn's website [Welcome to Estyn | Estyn \(gov.wales\)](https://www.estyn.gov.wales). As the Chief Inspector of Estyn is responsible for inspection activity, you may wish to address your request directly to the Inspectorate:

Owen Evans
His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales
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Anchor Court, Keen Road, Cardiff CF24 5JW
029 2044 6446
enquiries@estyn.gov.wales

Section 21 is an absolute exemption and not subject to the public interest test.

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.

You may also wish to contact Estyn with your response.

Yours sincerely