

30 September 2024

Dear

ATISN 21964 – Winter Fuel Allowance

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 24 September 2024. You have requested the following:

- 1. Any specific document which looks at the impact of the withdrawal of winter fuel allowance on health services*
- 2. Any risk register entry which deals with the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance and the impact on health services*

Our Response

We have conducted a search of our records, and have not found any information that is within the scope of your request. Management of the winter fuel allowance is a reserved matter, which means that it is the responsibility of the UK Government, not the Welsh Government. We suggest that you contact the UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero at: foi.requests@energysecurity.gov.uk

You may also wish to contact the Department of Health at the following address:

Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries Unit
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0EU
United Kingdom
Email: dhsc.publicenquiries@dhsc.gov.uk

In Wales, it is the responsibility of local health boards to provide health services to the population in the regions they serve. This would include preparing for any potential impact on those health services as a result of eg. withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance. Therefore, you may also wish to consider contacting your local health board to ask whether they have any documents or risk register entries concerning this issue. Contact details for the local health boards in Wales can be found at: [Local Services - NHS Wales](#)

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,