



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 22124

19 December 2024

Dear ,

ATISN 22124 – Post-16 Additional Learning Needs

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 November 2024. You asked for:

Primary Questions:

(a) Details of the number of young people the WG has approved in each academic year from 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 either an extension of study or an additional programme for without their first receiving an updated s.140 assessment.

(b) Out of the number referred to above, please provide the percentage that number constitutes against the overall number of young people who fall within the category of having additional learning needs, requiring the equivalent specialist provision.

Further Questions:

- 1. The number of young people with additional learning needs who are placed within a specialist college and in a course lasting more than 2 years.*
- 2. The number of young people within the group referred to in (1) above who as at November 2024 have been on a course of 2 years and who have since applied for an extension or additional programme of study and out of that number how many have*

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secured an updated s140 assessment and of those numbers who have applied how many have been granted (a) the additional year or years (b) refused.

- 3. The number of young people with ALN who are funded currently to take any course having already completed 2 years of specialist college study.*

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

Please be advised that the acknowledgment letter of 26 November sought confirmation of interpretation for questions (b) and (1) and clarification on question (3). As we have not received a response, this interpretation has been used in the information response for (b) and (1). We are unable to take forward question (3) as it is not clear what information it is you are asking for.

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

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(a) Details of the number of young people the WG has approved in each academic year from 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 either an extension of study or an additional programme for without their first receiving an updated s.140 assessment.

A/Y	Extension request approved	Additional programme of study (POS) approved
2018/19	12	0
2019/20	6	0
2020/21	22	0
2021/22	29	0
2022/23	6	0
2023/24	3	0

(b) Out of the number referred to above, please provide the percentage that number constitutes against the overall number of young people who fall within the category of having additional learning needs, requiring the equivalent specialist provision.

A/Y	Total number of funded placements	% of extensions approved against total	% of additional POS approved against total
2018/19	265	4.53%	0%
2019/20	238	2.52%	0%
2020/21	258	8.53%	0%
2021/22	262	11.07%	0%
2022/23	250	2.40%	0%
2023/24	227	1.32%	0%

- The number of young people with additional learning needs who are placed within a specialist college and in a course lasting more than 2 years (AY 2024/25)

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- The number of young people within the group referred to in (1) above who as at November 2024 have been on a course of 2 years and who have since applied for an extension or additional programme of study and out of that number how many have secured an updated s140 assessment and of those numbers who have applied how many have been granted (a) the additional year or years (b) refused.

Number of learners identified in (1) who applied for ER	Number of learners identified in (1) who applied for ER and who secured an updated s140 Assessment	Number of learners identified in (1) who applied for ER and who were granted (a) additional year or years	Number of learners identified in (1) who applied for ER and who were b (refused)
0	0	0	0