

14 December 2015

Dear,

Request for Information – reference ATISN 9982

Thank you for your request, which I received on 23 November 2015. You asked for the following information:

- Information on the future funding of the North Ebbw Fach Communities First Cluster in Blaenau Gwent from March 2016
- Whether the Welsh Government is going to continue funding after March 2016 and
- If Communities First is discontinued, what will be in its place?

At this point, we are unable to provide you with the information you require. No decisions have been made at this point about the funding of individual Communities First Clusters for 2016/17. The Welsh Government published its draft budget on 8 December and will shortly be setting out indicative allocations for funding for 2016/17. We will seek proposed delivery plans for Community First Clusters for 2016/17 and these will be used to help determine the amount of funding allocated. We anticipate that the final budget will be approved on 8th March.

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,

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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