



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref FOI Request  
Ein cyf/Our ref FOI/Schools Challenge Cymru (10186)

19 February 2016

Dear ,

**FOI/Schools Challenge Cymru (10186)**

Thank you for your request of 11 February 2016, regarding payments to private/external training providers to undertake work related to Schools Challenge Cymru in the past 12 months.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government, through Schools Challenge Cymru, provides funding to the Regional Education Consortia to support school improvement activity in Pathways to Success Schools and the wider system. It also provides capital funding to local authorities to invest in the learning environments of Pathways to Success schools. While the priorities for improvement are approved at programme-level, it is for the Regional Education Consortia, local authorities and the individual schools to determine how they utilise this funding to deliver the activities/outcomes identified. Each organisation would be expected to procure services through their appropriate procedures.

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: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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Wilmslow,  
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Yours sincerely