



Our Ref: ATISN 10312

Date: 15 April 2016

Dear

**ATISN 10312: Request for information on funding and meetings held with the National Autistic Society (NAS).**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which I received on 16 March, in relation to guidelines for funding charities and funding received by and costs associated with the NAS. The Welsh Government holds some of the information requested, as outlined below.

**1. A copy of the guidelines in place in relation to the funding of charities**

The Welsh Government believes the current standard terms and conditions effectively and comprehensively ensure public money is used for approved purposes and follow the principles set out in our Third Sector Scheme and Code of Practice for Funding the Third Sector. Further information may be obtained via the following links:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2016/lobbying/?lang=en>

<http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/communities/voluntarysector/?lang=en>

**2. The total amount of Welsh Government grant funding received by the NAS since 2005?**

Between 2005-2016, the NAS has received £563,225 in Welsh Government grant funding to support core services.

**3. Since 2005 please give the title of any NAS post (s) carrying out public/external affairs, policy, and/or public relations roles which have been funded either wholly or in part by Welsh Government grants and give an annual breakdown in each case.**

Funding has not been provided to the NAS to support public/external affairs, policy and/or public relations roles.

**4. The costs (an estimate since 2014 will suffice) incurred by the Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales in relation to activities undertaken by officials responding to the NAS's call for an autism act for Wales..**



The Welsh Government does not hold information on the costs incurred in relation to activities undertaken by officials responding to the National Autistic Society's call for an Autism Act for Wales.

We advise that you should contact the National Assembly for Wales to ask for details of any costs they may have incurred as the Welsh Government does not hold information on the operation of the National Assembly for Wales. The National Assembly for Wales can be contacted on: [Assembly-Accessstoinformation@assembly.wales](mailto:Assembly-Accessstoinformation@assembly.wales)

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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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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,