

Our Ref: ATISN 11815, 11816, 11817, 11818

20 December 2017

Dear

Request for Information – reference ATISN (11815, 11816, 11817, 11818) – Adult and Community Learning

I am responding to your request of 5 December requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000):-

- 1) The number of Adult Community Learning courses provided each financial year over the past five years
- 2) The subjects in which Adult Community Learning courses have been provided each financial year over the past five years
- 3) The number of teaching staff providing Adult Community Learning courses each financial year over the past five years
- 4) The number of teaching hours of Adult Community Learning courses provided each financial year over the past five years

The Welsh Government holds information in relation to your request, as follows:-

1) Data on the number of Local Authority Adult Community Learning programmes undertaken by academic year can be found here:-

https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Lifelong-Learning-Wales-Record/learningprogrammes-by-provisiontype-mode-gender



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

2) Data on learning activities undertaken by subject within Local Authority Adult Community Learning programmes by academic year can be found here:-

By Sector Subject Area (latest 4 academic years only)
https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Learners/Local-Authority-Community-Learning/localauthoritycommunitylearningactivities-by-subject-agegroup

By Subject based on LDCS code:-

https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Lifelong-Learning-Wales-Record/learningactivities-by-subject-provisiontype

3) Information is not currently collected with regard to the number of teaching staff within Local Authority Adult Community Learning. Information on teaching staff at Local Authority Adult Education Centres was last collected in 2012/13. Information is published here:-

http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/teachers-service-vacancies-sickness-absence/?tab=previous&lang=en

4) The provision of data around teaching hours is not mandatory for Local Authority Adult Community Learning providers, and therefore the information requested is not available.

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.

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,