

Ein cyf / Our ref: ATISN 13373

Dyddiad / Date: 12/09/2019

Dear,

ATISN 13373 – Request for information regarding Regional Partnership Boards

Thank you for your request which we received on 26 August 2019 about Regional Partnership Boards.

Your request asked:

1. If/when your organisation has responsibility for inspecting the operation & work programmes of the seven Regional Partnership Boards in Wales?
2. How have the significant range of work programmes being conducted by the Regional Partnership Boards been inspected to confirm or verify the correct and appropriate methods of operation?

In respect of question 1 of your request, while Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) has legal powers to inspect individual local authorities in their delivery of social services functions, these do not extend to Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs). CIW does not therefore hold information in respect of question 2 of your request.

We can however confirm that Welsh Government receives annual reports from each Regional Partnership Board which are scrutinised by officials. It also holds regular meetings with RPBs to check on progress across the regions. Welsh Government also undertakes specific pieces of work to test and examine progress in particular areas of RPB responsibilities. This does not amount to inspection.

As part of the commitments within [A Healthier Wales](#) the Welsh Government, in conjunction with CIW, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) and Wales Audit Office (WAO), is considering arrangements for inspection of Regional Partnership Boards.

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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.

For your information, the WAO recently conducted an audit of the integrated care fund which includes reference to Regional Partnership Boards. The published report can be found at this [link](#).

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:

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely