

28 September 2022

Dear

ATISN 16682 - Elective Home Education - Information requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 23 September 2022. You asked for:

Copies of communications between the:

- a) previous Minister for Education Kirsty Williams MS and Ministers for Education in England, their respective civil servants involved in policy development and the Department for Education (DfE) that relate to the development of Elective Home Education policy and guidance, that are dated between 1 January 2017 to 13 May 2021.
- b) Minister for Education Jeremy Miles MS and Ministers for Education in England, their respective civil servants involved in policy development and the Department for Education (DfE) that relate to the development of Elective Home Education policy and guidance, that are dated between 1 January 2021 and 23 September 2022.

Our response

From our preliminary assessment we estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require 1,947 searches. Consequently, we have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. For example, you may wish to include a specific aspect of elective home education policy. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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,