

30 August 2023

Dear

ATISN 18789 Period Products

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 August 2023. You asked for information in relation the Period Dignity Grant which the Welsh Government offers to each local authority in Wales. You specifically asked for the:

1. Total number of period products (and type) supplied to each Cardiff school broken down for each school for the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 academic years.
2. The total budget for each academic year and the actual spend against each budget.

Our response

1. The Welsh Government offers each local authority in Wales a Period Dignity Grant. The purpose of the grant is to ensure that free period products are available in every school and throughout communities. The Period Dignity grant is issued and claimed according to the financial year rather than the academic year. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested according to the academic year.

The information we ask local authorities to provide includes the number of schools reached, the type of product purchased, amount of product purchased, the receiving organisations, amount of grant funding spent and benefits realised. We do not ask for this information broken down for each individual school and therefore we do not hold the information you have requested.

2. As above, the grant is issued at the start of each financial year and is claimed at the end of the financial year. We therefore do not hold information on the total budget and actual spend for each academic year. However, we do, hold this information for each financial year. From your request it wasn't clear if you wanted the total budget for the whole of Wales or for Cardiff Council. We have therefore included both below:

2020-21

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for the whole of Wales was £1,360,438.00.
The actual spend for the whole of Wales was £1,251,284.02.

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for Cardiff was £147,514.00.
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2021-22

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for the whole of Wales was £2,580,876.00.
The actual spend for the whole of Wales was £2,179,803.17.

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for Cardiff was £271,094.00.
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2022-23

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for the whole of Wales was £2,922,920.60.
The actual spend for the whole of Wales was £2,530,509.54.

The total Period Dignity Grant budget for Cardiff was £319, 227.00.
The actual spend for Cardiff was £319,227.00.

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: Freedomofinformation@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,