

13 May 2024

Dear

ATISN 19472 – Wastewater Programme

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 12 April 2024 regarding the data collected by the Welsh Wastewater Programme. You requested the following:

- *A copy of the spreadsheet as found in the Objective Connect workspace relating to the Wastewater Programme. The spreadsheet contains data collected between 22/06/2021 and 24/07/2023.*

Our Response:

Whilst I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds the information, it is considered exempt under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act. This states (inter alia):

- 1) *Information is exempt information if—*
 - (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),*
 - (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and*
 - (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a)*

I can confirm that the conditions under (a) and (b) are satisfied. With regards to (c) there are outstanding reports or papers relating to ongoing research that need to be finalised before the data is published in order to deliver the intended impact of the work. Welsh Government does hold the information being requested and information you have requested will be published in due course.

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,