

4 June 2024

Dear

FOI Request – ATISN 19536 –Stonewall funding

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 May 2024. You asked for:

1. How much money is the Welsh Assembly Government donating to Stonewall?
2. What are the agreed objectives you say that Stonewall Cymru has delivered to your satisfaction i.e. What have they spent the money on?
3. A copy of the LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales.

Our response

Details of funding provided to Stonewall have been released in previous responses to Freedom of Information requests and the most recent of those are published in our disclosure log at: [Publication of freedom of information \(FOI\) responses | GOV.WALES](#)

Please see:

[FOI release 17311: Stonewall | GOV.WALES](#)

[FOI release 18602: Stonewall | GOV.WALES](#)

[FOI release 19258: Stonewall Cymru | GOV.WALES](#)

Furthermore, the LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales is publicly available at:

[LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales | GOV.WALES](#).

Therefore, we are refusing questions 1 and 3 under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The reasons for applying this exemption are set out in full in Annex 1 at the end of this letter.

In relation to question 2, please find below agreed objectives that Stonewall Cymru has delivered as a result of Core and Project funding it receives from Welsh Government:

Community empowerment programme

Stonewall Cafes

Community and trans engagement programme

Prides, Eisteddfod and Mas ar y Maes Partnership

Rainbow Cymru

Inclusive service delivery programme

Work with education consortia and local authorities

Produce education resources and anti-bullying campaigns

Provide support and expertise on LGBT-inclusion in the new curriculum

Stonewall Cymru Future Leaders Programme

Sport engagement

Research

Produce education resources

School Role Models programme
Engage with 2,500 stakeholders at community events
Seek opportunities for joint working
Engage with trans communities and individuals at a grassroots level
Work with LGBT groups
Work in partnership with a range of organisations including community organisations and LGBT groups
Build on the 'Mas ar y Maes' partnership between Stonewall Cymru, the National Eisteddfod and local LGBT people
Community Role Models programme
Youth Placement Scheme
Young Campaigners' programme
Sports Train the Trainer programme
Volunteering Programme
Mentoring Scheme development
Alumni Network
Amplify trans voices
Facilitate community conversations
Broaden our communications activity
Improve public services
Work with advice, information and advocacy service providers
Deliver a Children and Young People's Services training programme
Deliver an Information Service
Anti-bullying campaigns
Deliver Train the Trainer programme
Develop additional Train the Trainer modules
Deliver additional Training modules
Respond to relevant public policy consultations
Represent LGBT people on key relevant Welsh Government stakeholder groups
Strengthen the evidence base on sexual orientation and gender identity
Conduct Wales specific research
Identify and address barriers to engagement and participation in public life
Improve work on tackling hate crime, increasing reporting and supporting victims
Work with key public-sector bodies and employers to reduce NEET status, create more inclusive workplaces and improve public services
Work with the Welsh Government, the LGBT+ Expert panel and other key organisations to develop a LGBT Action Plan for Wales

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

Annex 1

Application of exemptions/exceptions

The Freedom of information Act/Environmental Information Regulations provide a right for anyone to ask a public authority to make requested information available to the wider public. As the release of requested information is to the world, not just the requester, public authorities need to consider the effects of making the information freely available to everybody. Any personal interest the requester has for accessing the information cannot override those wider considerations.

It has been decided that the following information will be withheld under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act:

1. How much money is the Welsh Assembly Government donating to Stonewall?
2. A copy of the LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales.

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Section 21(1)

This Annex sets out the reasons for the engagement of section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 21 (1) states that this may be applied where the requested information is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Welsh Government believes that the information in the enclosed list should be exempt from disclosure as it is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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