

15 July 2024

Dear

ATISN 19685 – WALES RESILIENCE FORUM

Information requested

Thank you for your request, which I received on 21 June 2024.

You have written to the Wales Resilience Forum, seeking information it may hold, specifically in relation to meeting minutes where flood action groups or other civil society bodies have contributed to discussions about flooding in the last two years. In addition, you have requested the Wales Resilience Forum provide a list of flood action groups in the area, which it covers and the number of staff it has dedicated to flood risk management, together with their roles.

Our response

The Wales Resilience Forum is not a statutory entity, and I am responding in the capacity of the Forum's secretariat. The Forum meets on a minimum of a six-monthly basis. Its purpose is to promote good communication and the enhancement of resilience across agencies and services in Wales by providing a forum for Chief Officers to discuss with Welsh Ministers strategic issues of emergency preparedness. Following a search of our electronic records, I can confirm that, in the last two years, the Wales Resilience Forum meeting minutes have not recorded any discussions specific to flooding.

The Wales Resilience Forum does not hold any information on flood action groups across Wales, as this would not fall within the purpose of the Forum.

As the Forum is not a legal entity, it has no staff. Secretariat support is provided by Welsh Government officials, in order to support the six-monthly meetings.

Should you seek further information on flood matters, you may wish to contact the Water and Flood Division within the Welsh Government.

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

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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