

12 September 2024

Dear

ATISN 20900 – FOI Request: School standards

Thank you for your request which we received on 3 September 2024. You asked for:

What proportion of schools in Wales currently meet the standards set out by the 21st Century Schools programme, and what is the estimated cost and timeline to bring all schools up to these standards?

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

To note, as of January 2022, the 21st Century Schools programme was renamed the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme. The grant conditions for funding through this Programme require compliance with several regulations and guides for refurbishments, extensions and new builds. The adherence with these regulations and guides is not a measurement associated with managing existing buildings within the education estate and therefore the data you requested does not exist.

It is for local authorities to prioritise which schools are included in the Programme taking account of several factors including the local needs and demands.

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