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7th June 2021

Dear Mr/Ms Swanson,

ATISN 15130 – Intercountry Adoption Statistics

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 14th May 2021.

You asked for the following:

1. By year from 2003 the total number of completed intercountry adoptions coming into Wales.
2. To confirm whether these intercountry adoptions are included within the published statistics on adoptions which are held on the Welsh Government website.

Our response

1. Prior to 2013 the Welsh Government did not hold the information associated with the number of completed intercountry adoption cases coming into Wales. I can however provide this information from 2013 onwards. Please see information below:

Year completed	Case Numbers
2013	1
2016	1
2017	1
2019	1
2020	1

2. I can confirm that intercountry adoption numbers are not included in the annual statistics which relate to the total number of completed adoptions per year in Wales that are published on our website. Welsh Government only

collect and publish adoption data relating to those who were in the care of a Welsh local authority.

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

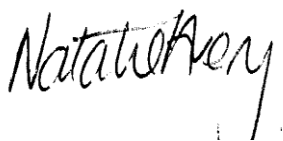
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natalie Avery', with a stylized, cursive script.

Natalie Avery

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