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Mr Daniel Morris

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Dear Mr Morris

## ATISN 13448: One Voice Wales financial support and reporting 2012-2019

Thank you for your request received on 27 September 2019. You asked for information on all financial records that we hold regarding One Voice Wales, including payments such as grants, loans, equipment, staff secondment, benefits-in-kind, advertising, promotion etc. as well as reports received that account for Welsh Government funding from 2012-13 onwards.

I wish to clarify that the Welsh Government has no direct authority/oversight over One Voice Wales; One Voice Wales is an unincorporated organisation set up through an agreement between a group of people who come together for a reason other than to make a profit. One Voice Wales is governed directly by its member councils through its National Executive Committee (NEC).

My understanding of your request is that you want information about the total amount of public money spent in support of the community and town council sector, through One Voice Wales. One Voice Wales publishes an annual report including its accounts. Where these are published we will signpost to them. The additional financial information we will provide will relate only to the Welsh Government core grant and all other specific grants and loans provided to them from 2012-13 onwards.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



The core grant that the Welsh Government provides to One Voice Wales is non-specific funding to ensure the organisation remains financially sustainable as a representative body of community and town councils. The majority of its income comes from sources other than Welsh Government, such as membership fees, sponsorship, and training and consultancy fees.

The scrutiny applied to the core grant funding provided by us is through quarterly monitoring meetings and reporting against general indicators which demonstrate the provision of its overall support to its members. This includes work outside the scope of Welsh Government funding. We do not have reporting information on the detailed expenditure of this grant.

You will receive a response by 25 October 2019. If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

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The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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