From: Enquiries

To:

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request - Estyn response

Date: 19 September 2025 12:54:00

Dear

Thank you for your email dated 8 September 2025.

I note your request for information is made under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA) and that your questions are presented with a view to eliciting information regarding the organisation's adherence to and engagement with national and international cybersecurity standards.

When dealing with requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), Estyn's obligations include:-

- 1. Confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- 2. Communicating the information requested to the applicant.

There are a number of exemptions under the Act that impact these obligations. Estyn is required to consider whether an exemption applies in the context of the information being released into the public domain, not just in the context of the information being released to the particular applicant that has requested the information.

If Estyn releases information in response to a Freedom of Information request, this is essentially a decision that the information can be released in response to any similar request from any member of the public.

In response to your request for information, I provide our response to your questions in red text below containing all information that we currently hold and have available.

If you are not satisfied with the decision Estyn has taken regarding your request for information, you are entitled to request that we review the matter. Your request for a review should be addressed to the Feedback and Complaints Manager, and received no later than 20 working days after the date of this communication.

If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner through their website:

https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/who-we-are/wales-office/

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 Email: enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Your sincerely

FOIA Case Officer

Estyn Response:

Current Certifications

Please disclose which national or international cybersecurity standards the organisation currently holds a formal certification for. This should include, but is not limited to, standards such as Cyber Essentials (CE), Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+), IASME Level 1 & 2, and ISO/IEC 27001.

We have had Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+) and IASME Level 1.

Welsh Government Directives

Kindly specify any national or international cybersecurity standards for which the Welsh Government has formally mandated or requested certification from your organisation. This pertains to recorded communications, contracts, or policies where such a directive is explicitly stated.

None.

Historical Certifications

Provide details of any national or international cybersecurity standards to which the organisation was previously certified, but for which the certification has since lapsed or expired. For each expired certification, please include the corresponding expiry date.

Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+).

In-Progress Certifications

Please detail any national or international cybersecurity standards for which the organisation is currently undertaking the certification process.

We are current working on obtaining IASME Level 2.

Assessment Outcomes

Disclose whether the organisation has failed any formal assessments for national or international cybersecurity standards. If a failure has occurred, please provide the name of the standard and the date of the failed assessment.

None.