

27 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

FOIA Response

Thank you for your email received on 30 March 2026. We have treated this email as an FOIA request.

You have requested:

“.....the latest information you have on number of state secondary schools in Wales currently in 'special measures'.”

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.

Our response to your request is as follows:

As at today (27/04/2026) there are 16 secondary providers in Wales in 'Special Measures'.

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I hope this information is helpful to you. 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

Yours sincerely



FOI case officer

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