

7 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be provided with information on the questions listed in your email dated 9 June 2026:

1) Records relating to the Welsh Department at Cathays High School (between 1 January 2011 and 21 December 2012). Please provide copies of any subject inspection reports, survey reports, departmental reviews, monitoring visit reports, correspondence, inspector notes, or other records.

2) [REDACTED].

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Under FOIA, Estyn is required to:

- (i) confirm or deny whether it holds the information of the description specified in the request
- (ii) communicate the information requested to the applicant

In response to your queries, I confirm the following responses:

1) Records relating to the Welsh Department at Cathays High School (between 1 January 2011 and 21 December 2012). Please provide copies of any subject inspection reports, survey reports, departmental reviews, monitoring visit reports, correspondence, inspector notes, or other records.

Estyn has conducted searches for recorded information falling within the scope of this part of your request.

We have identified that the information requested would ordinarily have been held within the Virtual Inspection Room (VIR) for the relevant inspection or review activity. This would include documents such as inspection evidence bases, inspector notes, working papers, draft reports, correspondence, monitoring records, inspection summaries and other inspection documentation.

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In accordance with Estyn's records retention policy, information held within the Virtual Inspection Room is retained for six months following the conclusion of the relevant inspection or review activity and is then deleted.

As the period specified in your request is between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2012, any such information that would previously have been held within the Virtual Inspection Room is no longer held by Estyn.

We have also considered whether any additional recorded information falling within the scope of your request is held elsewhere within Estyn's records. We searched using the school's name together with the term "Welsh" and reviewed the relevant records. No further recorded information falling within the scope of your request was identified.

2) [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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I hope that this information is helpful to you.

If you are not satisfied with the response Estyn has made 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, who can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely



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