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Auditor General for Wales – Privacy Notice

This privacy notice tells you about how the Auditor General for Wales and staff of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) process personal information collected in connection with our work.

Who we are and what we do

The Auditor General for Wales' work includes examining how public bodies manage and spend public money, and the WAO provides the staff and resources to enable him to carry out his work. "Audit Wales" is a trademark of the Wales Audit Office, and is the umbrella identity of the Auditor General for Wales and the Wales Audit Office.

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Our DPO can be contacted by telephone on 029 2032 0500 or by email at infoofficer@audit.wales

The relevant laws

We process your personal data in accordance with data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Our lawful bases for processing are the powers and duties set out in the Public Audit (Wales) Acts 2004 and 2013, the Government of Wales Acts 1998 and 2006, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Depending on the particular power or function, these statutory bases fall with Article 6(c) and (e) of the UK GDPR—processing necessary for compliance with a legal obligation, for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority.

Who will see the data?

The Auditor General and relevant WAO staff, such as the study team, will have access to the information you provide.

Our published report may include some of your information, but we will contact you before any publication of information that identifies you—see also "your rights" below.

We may share information with:

a) Senior management at the audited body(ies) as far as this is necessary for exercising our powers and duties;

b) Certain other public bodies/ public service review bodies such as the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner, Care Inspectorate Wales (Welsh Ministers), Estyn and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, where the law permits or requires this, such as under section 15 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

How long we keep the data

We will generally keep your data for 6 years, though this may increase to 25 years if it supports a published report—we will contact you before any publication of information that identifies you—see also “your rights” below. After 25 years, the records are either transferred to the UK National Archive or securely destroyed. In practice, very little personal information is retained beyond 6 years.

Our rights

The Auditor General has rights to information, explanation and assistance under paragraph 17 of schedule 8 Government of Wales Act 2006, section 52 Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, section 26 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and section 98 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It may be a criminal offence, punishable by a fine, for a person to fail to provide information.

Your rights

You have rights to ask for a copy of the current personal information held about you and to object to data processing that causes unwarranted and substantial damage and distress.

To obtain a copy of the personal information we hold about you or discuss any objections or concerns, please write to The Information Officer, Wales Audit Office, 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ or email infoofficer@audit.wales. You can also contact our Data Protection Officer at this address.

Information Commissioner’s Office

To obtain further information about data protection law or to complain to complain about how we are handling your personal data, you may contact the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or by email at casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone 01625 545745.