

Official Languages Scheme - Equality Impact Assessment

7 August 2017

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 14 July in which you asked:

- 1. Please supply a copies of the Official Languages Scheme and the equality impact assessment in English.*

A response to your question is provided below.

The National Assembly for Wales' [Official Languages Scheme](#) is available on the Assembly's website. The Scheme deals with the provision of bilingual services in our official languages, Welsh and English, and our obligations in relation to the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Act 2012. Under the Act, the Assembly is required to publish a new scheme for every Assembly term.

A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) undertaken in relation to the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme has recently been published on the Assembly Commission's [Diversity and Inclusion webpages](#). Preparing an EQIA was an integral part of the planning and development of the new Official Languages Scheme. The document sets out a number of risks and mitigations identified to ensure that the themes for improvement in the scheme do not adversely affect the wider community. It has been independently verified by an external equalities organisation.

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on



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If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
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Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you believe that I have not applied the Code correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, you may make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay. Details of the Assembly's complaints principles are set out in the Code of Practice on Complaints available on the Internet at <http://www.assembly.wales/en/help/contact-the-assembly/con-complaint/Pages/con-complaint-procedure.aspx>. Please advise me if you wish to receive a printed copy.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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