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Eich cyf/Your ref: WQ100223

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Dear Dan Thomas,

I am writing in response to WQ100223 and to provide additional clarification to WQ100028.

The Wales Sanctuary Service is a contracted service and is responsible for its own data and any decisions regarding the publication of its statistical information.

The Welsh Government does not specifically require the Wales Sanctuary Service to provide data on the nationality of clients.

However, the Wales Sanctuary Service does seek to capture the self-reported country of individuals when they contact or interact with the service, and this information has been shared with the Welsh Government. As this data is self-reported it does not represent verified information on the nationality of individuals, which is the subject of your question. The data includes all individuals who contact the Wales Sanctuary Service, including those whose needs fall outside the scope of the service and who are subsequently signposted to alternative sources of support.

The self-reported country of individuals who contacted the Wales Sanctuary Service or accessed their services in 2025-2026 include the following: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma/Myanmar, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo - Democratic Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kirgistan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Peoples Republic Of China, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grens., Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

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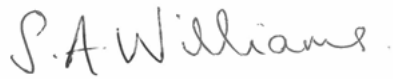
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In view of this I would like to update my answer to WQ100028 with the answer provided to WQ100223 as set out in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. A. Williams".

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