



Appointment of the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales

13 March 2024

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 19 February in which you asked:

Please provide the following:-

All information relating to the appointment of the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales including any advertisements, long listing, short listing and interviewing .

Who places the advert and draws up the long and short lists

Who conducts the interviews

Who selects the successful candidate to put forward

I understand the King makes the appointment but the successful candidate is nominated by the Senedd.

Please see response below.

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (the Ombudsman) is a Crown appointment made on the nomination of the Senedd under Schedule 1 to the **Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019**.

Additional information on public appointment made by the Senedd can be seen under Standing Order 10, and specifically in relation to the Ombudsman under Standing Order 18A. <https://senedd.wales/media/ue1dqdmg/so-eng.pdf>

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The process for the appointment of the current PSOW is detailed in this report:

<https://business.senedd.wales/documents/s121599/Finance%20Committee%20report%20Nomination%20of%20the%20Public%20Services%20Ombudsman%20for%20Wales%20-%20January%202022.pdf>

As this information is already available, your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Yours sincerely

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Welsh Parliament

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Parliament's handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at:

Information-request@senedd.wales or in writing to

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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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