

Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Local Authority Accessible Information Policies.

As you may be aware, on 2 July, the Equality of Opportunity Committee conducted a short inquiry into the Issue of Accessibility of Information, taking evidence from Deafblind UK.

Following this inquiry, the Committee has engaged in written dialogue with a number of stakeholders around the issue of Accessible Information. The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) reported that over half of Wales' local authorities had responded to its request for information on this matter. Of these respondents, 2 local authorities stated that they had had an accessible information policy in place, while 3 stated they were in the process of updating or developing one. The remaining authorities reported that they had produced guidelines on providing accessible information, either as part of broader corporate documents, or developed for specific service areas, but did not have a specific accessible information policy.

The Committee was concerned that only 2 local authorities, of those surveyed, currently have an accessible information policy in place, and therefore asks that you promote, and monitor, the development and implementation of such policies by local authorities.

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