

# AM's Family Members

13 October 2017

## Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 29 September in which you asked:

*I would be grateful if you could provide me with the name of each Assembly Member who currently employs a relative(s) as a member(s) of their staff.*

*In each case please state the relationship of the relative to the Assembly Member.*

The names of Assembly Members ("AMs") who currently employ family members are published on the [Register of Members' Interests](#). The name of the employee, their relationship to the AM, their position, dates of employment and contracted hours are also published.

As this information is available on our website your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Please note, prospective Assembly Member support staff who are family members are currently recruited through an open and fair competition in which the AM in question is removed from the appointment process, for as long as their family member is a candidate. The present recruitment policy states that:

*'The appointment of the employing Assembly Member's family members will only be permitted where the Assembly Member plays no part in the selection process, which will instead be conducted by the Members' Business Support team.*

*Where the family member is not shortlisted or decides to withdraw, the process will be handed back to the Assembly Member at that stage.'*

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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 our website at [http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about\\_us-commission\\_assembly\\_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm)

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  
National Assembly for Wales**

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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