

Witness Name: Mr Albert Heaney

Statement No. 1

Exhibits: 0

Dated: November 2021

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, Residential Schools
Investigation Rule 9 request for an update.

1. Albert Heaney, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ will say as follows:- I am employed by Welsh Government, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales, and am the designated officer responsible for responding to the Independent Inquiry for Child Sexual Abuse request for witness statements on behalf of Welsh Government.
2. I am authorised to make this statement and where the statements are made within my knowledge they are true and where it is not within my knowledge they are from Welsh Government departments and records, and are true to the best of my knowledge.
3. This statement is in response to a request from the Chair to the inquiry pursuant to Rule 9 made on 10 November 2021 in respect of your on-going investigation into Residential Schools.
4. Your request asks to provide you with an up to date data on schools in wales. You said you would be willing to receive this data in tabular form. I have responded as requested below.
5. The data provided is the latest available. The number of independent schools (Q. 3) is taken from the register of independent schools.

Data requested by IICSA (a)	Wales	Source
Number of schools (state and independent)	1,553	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census and Independent Schools Census,

		April 2021
Number of children aged three to 18 in school (total)	475,181	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census and Independent Schools Census, April 2021
Number of independent schools	79	Register of Independent Schools
Number of pupils in independent schools	9,698	Independent Schools Census, April 2021
Number of special schools (state and independent)	77	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census, April 2021/ Register of Independent Schools
Number of pupils in special schools (state and independent)	5,216	(b) Pupil Level Annual Schools Census, April 2021
Number of residential special schools (state and independent)	23	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census, April 2021/ Register of Independent Schools
Number of residential special school pupils (state and independent)	931	(b) Pupil Level Annual Schools Census, April 2021
Number of schools offering boarding (state and independent)	27	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census and Independent Schools Census, April 2021
Total number of pupils who board (state and independent)	1,756	(c) Pupil Level Annual Schools Census and Independent Schools Census, April 2021
The percentage of pupils who board	0.4	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census and Independent Schools Census, April 2021
The number of pupils who board at a residential special school	93	(b) Pupil Level Annual Schools Census, April 2021

(a) All pupil numbers relate to pupils aged 3 to 18, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Independent schools are not split into mainstream and special schools on the census, therefore special school data relates to mainstream schools only.

(c) There is no age breakdown for children boarding at independent schools, therefore this counts children of all ages boarding at independent schools.

Statement of Truth:

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: Albert Heaney, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales

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