

ATISN 13948

21 May 2020

Dear,

ATISN 13948: Volunteer donations of PPE for COVID-19

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which I received on 02 May. I have interpreted your request as follows:

1. Have the Welsh Government, specifically Public Safety Departments stopped any hospitals/care homes etc. using volunteer donations of personal protective equipment because they were not “approved” and/or “tested”?
 - b. If statement 1. Is considered to be true, was this process kept secret from the media and volunteers who donated the equipment?
2. Did the Welsh Government instructed by Public Safety Officers in Wales chase and prosecute these volunteers for breaking trading standards or do they have intentions to do so?

Welsh Government do not hold the information you have requested. However, I can confirm that Welsh Government have not provided instruction to care providers on utilising any PPE outside those that have been procured through their usual lines of business supply or provided via the NHS Shared Service stockpile.

Organisations are responsible for the safety of their staff and if they procure PPE or receive donations of PPE, they would have the responsibility under health and safety regulations to ensure it is fit for purpose.

If you would like further information I would suggest that you contact local authorities or Public Health Wales to understand how donations of PPE have been processed and quality assured locally.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely