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15 July 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 14060 - Copies of the data informing our current policy on the use of masks

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 June. You asked for the following:

- *Data to support the policy that shielding should be extended for 9 weeks.*
- *Data to back up current policy on the use of masks*

With regards to extending 'shielding', I refer to a recent Freedom of Information request available on our Disclosure Log <https://gov.wales/atisn14066>

Evidence that was used to support Welsh Government decisions on the use of face masks or face coverings was taken from the following sources:

1. Report from Technical Advisory Group (TAC) : Use of Face Coverings in the context of COVID-19

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/use-of-masks-in-the-context-of-covid-19.pdf>

2. World Health Organisation- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: When and how to use masks

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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Information Rights Unit,
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Information Commissioner's Office,
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Yours sincerely