



ATISN 14142

16 July 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 14142 – All correspondence and advice from the CMO for Wales

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 10 July. You requested the following information:

1. *All information whether minutes, letters, reports, publications or advice whether or oral, presented or in report form provided by the Chief Medical Officer For Wales, his agents or deputies to the Welsh Government, First Minister, Health Minister or any other Government Minister in relation to the Periodic Review of Coronavirus Regulations on or around the following dates:*
 - a. *9th July 2020*
 - b. *18th June 2020*
2. *All scientific evidence, reports or recommendations available to and replied upon by Welsh Government, First Minister or Health Minister in deciding that 3rd August is the soonest that indoor hospitality may reopen.*
3. *The grounds, guidelines, parameters or medical grounds to be applied in the event of rising Coronavirus cases that would prevent, delay or alter Welsh Government timetable for the above.*
4. *The methodology, guidelines, advice, or tests Welsh Government, The First Minister or any other Minister are to apply in deciding how and when Welsh Government Coronavirus regulations are review and modified in relation to tourism and hospitality.*

Welsh Government publishes its scientific advice on our Coronavirus (COVID-19) website which can be found by using the following link: <https://gov.wales/wales-response-coronavirus>

The scientific evidence used to inform decisions is provided by the World Health Organisation, Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and our Technical Advisory Cell (TAC). Further information about these groups and their publications can be found at the links attached below:

- a) World health organisation www.who.int
- b) GOV.UK SAGE website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response>
- c) The Technical Advisory Cell updates and summaries are available here: <https://gov.wales/technical-advisory-cell>

From my initial searches for information, I estimate that it is very likely that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require a number of searches through all communications between the identified parties to identify which contain the information you are seeking.

When conducting a search of our electronic filing system for key words for your request above, over 5,000 documents were returned. Based on an average check of each document taking 30 seconds, the full search would take more than 41 hours. (5000 > documents x 30 seconds = 150,000 sec = 2,500 minutes = 41.6 hours). This does not take account of the mailbox searches of the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, the First Minister, the Minister for Health and Social Services or any other Government Minister that would also be required in order to comply with your request. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor 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
- to 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

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. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,