



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14070

31 July 2020

Dear,

ATISN 14070 – COVID-19 Testing

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 19 June.

We have interpreted your request as asking for the following:

1. Information held covering the reasons why the Welsh COVID-19 test booking portal was dropped;

Welsh Government does not hold this information. Following a Ministerial decision to include Wales in the UK test booking portal the Wales-only test booking portal was not required. A Ministerial written statement can be accessed here:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-covid-19-testing>

2. Information held on results of the pilots which used the Wales-only testing portal;

Welsh Government does not hold this information. The Wales-only test booking portal was not structured as a pilot project.

3. Ministerial correspondence regarding the COVID-19 testing portal pilots;

Welsh Government does not hold this information. The Wales-only test booking portal was not structured as a pilot project.

4. Information held on the progress of an all-Wales contact tracing app and the all-Wales digital tracing platform as at 19 June 2020, including the date the platform went live.

There is no all-Wales contact tracing app at this time. Welsh government is engaging with NHSX, with other devolved administrations, and with others on options for an app which would be available in Wales.

The all-Wales contact tracing platform went live on 9 June 2020. NWIS released a statement on the all-Wales contact tracing platform which can be found on the following link: <https://nwis.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/test-trace-protect-digital-contact-tracing/>

The Minister for Health and Social Services also made a statement recently on the Test Trace and Protect Strategy, the statement can be found at: <https://gov.wales/new-covid-19-testing-strategy-wales-published>

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.

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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.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely