



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 14381

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Dear

### **ATISN 14381 – RCT Correspondence**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 01 October. You requested the following information regarding the Covid-19 restrictions and face coverings, specifically:

*With regards to the Welsh Government agreement to implement the UK wide closure of pubs, bars and other hospitality venues at 10pm, in addition the Welsh Government has announced that off-licences are no longer permitted to sell alcohol after 10pm; and the Welsh Government making face coverings mandatory in situations where social distancing is not possible.*

*You have asked for:*

*All correspondence between the Welsh Government, Welsh Government Ministers, the Technical Advisory Cell and the members of the Technical Advisory Cell relating to the above measures.*

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

From my searches, I consider that your request should be refused, as dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The 'appropriate limit' is set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations and, for central government, that's £600 or 24 hours. This means if we estimate it would take over 24 hours to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it then we can refuse the request.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of approximately 156 mailboxes. Based on an average search taking approximately 15 minutes, the full search would take approximately 39 hours. (156 x 15 minutes per mailbox = 2,340 minutes = 39 hours) 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. For example, highlighting specific Ministers or a specific team may reduce the likelihood of exceeding the appropriate limit as set out in Section 12. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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,