



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 14451

12 November 2020

Dear

### **ATISN 14451 – Travel Ban**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 20 October. You requested information relating to travel restrictions in Wales, specifically:

- 1. Legislation allowing Wales, as a devolved Government, to ban travel into and out of Wales, specifically as a result of measures designed to reduce the spread of Covid 19*
- 2. Where these powers are deferred by UK National Government (Parliament) the legislation giving those express powers to Wales*
- 3. Powers of the Welsh Police forces to act in enforcing the legislation requested above*

### **Our response**

In response to Q1: The restrictions on entering and leaving specified areas without reasonable excuse set out in the Coronavirus Restrictions Regulations were, and have been, imposed by enabling powers set out in sections 45C(1) and (3), 45F(2) and 45P of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (“1984 Act”)

In response to Q2: The powers in question were inserted into the 1984 Act by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14). The functions under these sections are conferred on “the appropriate Minister”. Under section 45T(6) of the 1984 Act the appropriate Minister, as respects Wales, is the Welsh Ministers.

In response to Q3: The powers of enforcement exercisable by the police, as currently applicable, are set out in Part 7 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wales) (No. 4) Regulations 2020.

### **Next steps**

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,