



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein Cyf/ Our ref ATISN 14509

14 December 2020

Dear

### **ATISN 14509 – Transmission of COVID-19 in the hospitality industry**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 03 October. You asked for –

- 1. The number of people who have visited hospitality establishments and consequently contracted COVID-19 then spread it to other customers.*
- 2. In percentages, what affect the infection rate has contributed to the overall spreading of the infection since the pubs were reopened after the first lockdown until they were shut on 23 October?*
- 3. Has consideration been given as to whether the implementation of lockdown's have had a positive effect in reducing COVID-19 infection numbers?*

In relation to Q1/Q2, Welsh Government does not hold this information, as this data is not recorded at a level that can be thoroughly analysed to provide a definitive overview of where transmission is taking place. Where this data is available, it should be noted that test, track and protect data is unable to categorically demonstrate where exposure of new cases took place, only where or who positively tested individuals may have passed the virus onto.

A summary of the evidence around the impacts of hospitality and associated risks is available in the TAG non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) in the pre-Christmas period paper, available at <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-12/technical-advisory-group-statement-regarding-non-pharmaceutical-interventions-in-the-pre-christmas-period.pdf>

In relation to Q3, this information can be found within the TAG effectiveness of NPI's analysis links available at <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-12/technical-advisory-group-effectiveness-of-non-pharmaceutical-interventions-in-the-local-health-protection-zones-and-the-firebreak-in-wales.pdf>

SAGE has also published a paper on the effectiveness of NPIs across the UK nations, available at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/939066/S0920\\_261120\\_O\\_Four\\_Nations\\_Autumn\\_Interventions\\_V2\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/939066/S0920_261120_O_Four_Nations_Autumn_Interventions_V2_.pdf)

For further information relating to Q1/2, may I suggest you contact Public Health Wales as they may hold additional information. I have attached their contact details below for your convenience –

Freedom of Information Office  
Public Health Wales  
Floor 3  
2 Capital Quarter  
Tyndall Street  
Cardiff  
CF10 4BZ  
Email: [foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk)

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,