



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 14612
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Dear

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Thank you for your request which I received on 30 November 2020. You asked for the following information:

the actual figures in relation to the origin of outbreaks of Covid-19 across Wales. In particular, figures relating to the following listed settings in terms of how many of each of the types listed have been the seat of outbreaks across Wales and also how many cases have resulted from people being in those settings across Wales.

Settings: Schools, Colleges, Public Houses, Restaurants, Shops, and Nursing Homes.

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested.

As part of the contact tracing process, people state the locations they have been shortly before and after symptom onset or a positive test. This records what are known as “exposure locations” but it does not identify where the virus is being spread or where someone may have contracted the virus.

Public Health Wales (PHW) hold the data regarding contact tracing and on occasions use it to provide Welsh Government with some headline figures on exposure. The Welsh Government holds an extract of the contact tracing dataset provided by PHW.

Public health Wales also make COVID-19 case data on schools available via this link (in the schools surveillance tab):

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

The Welsh Government also publishes figures on the number of adult care homes which have notified one or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 7 or 28 days via this link:

<https://gov.wales/notifications-care-inspectorate-wales-related-covid-19-adult-care-homes-1-march-4-december-2020-html>

The Decision-making process has been set out in policy documents available here:

<https://gov.wales/strategy-evidence-coronavirus>

Most recent ones are the Coronavirus Control Plan (August): <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-control-plan-wales> and the recently published update this month: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-control-plan-alert-levels-wales>

Ministers draw on wide range of expertise as set out in the above including advice from the Technical Advisory Cell (summaries available on our website) and SAGE (summaries available on UK Government website). They also draw on statistics from within Welsh Government and PHW information. This is combined with local intelligence from Incident Management Teams and Outbreak Control Teams (as described in the Coronavirus Control Plan).

Cabinet minutes are published on the Welsh Government website and Welsh Ministers communicate through Written Statements, Oral Statements, Press Conferences, Press Notices and a range of other mechanisms.

You may wish to contact Public Health Wales for the data you have requested and they can be contacted by using the following email address: 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:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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.

Yours sincerely