



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14689

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Dear

ATISN 14689 – COVID Genetic Code

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 19 December. You requested the following information regarding a second lockdown, specifically:

- 1. Have the Welsh Government and/or their scientific advisers isolated the virus known as Covid-19.*
- 2. The genetic code of the Covid-19 virus.*

On Q1, Welsh Government have not isolated the COVID-19 virus. The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention have successfully managed to isolate the COVID-19 Virus. I have attached a paper below on this matter -

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/grows-virus-cell-culture.html>

On Q2, a copy of the genomic sequence is available within a paper published by the American Society for Microbiology. I have attached the link below for your convenience –

<https://mra.asm.org/content/9/11/e00169-20>

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

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,