



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14690

18 January 2021

Dear,

ATISN 14690 – COVID-19 Genetic Code

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 20 December. You requested the following information regarding a second lockdown, specifically:

- 1. Proof that the virus has been isolated*
- 2. The genetic code of the Covid-19 virus.*
- 3. Numbers of fully recovered COVID-19 patients and the numbers of persons who have died from COVID-19 and not with another illness with COVID-19 attributed.*

On Q1, 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>

On Q3, this information is readily available and therefore has been exempted under Section 21 on the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I have provided links to where this information can be found for your convenience below –

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

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Activity/nhs-activity-and-capacity-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

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,