



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14767

10 March 2021

Dear,

ATISN 14767 – Vaccination Numbers

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15 January. You asked:

1. As of end of working day 14th January 2021 how many Covid Vaccinations have been delivered to patients in Wales?

112,973 individuals have received at least one dose.

2. How many of those in #1 were given to NHS workers?

64,175.

3. How many of those in #1 were given to care home staff

13,050.

4. How many of those in #1 were given to those over the age of 80 years

15,247.

5. How many of those in #1 were given to those over the age of 70 years

2,714.

6. How many of those in #1 were given to those over the age of 60 years

13,011.

7. Please list the vaccination centre locations

The map of the mass vaccination centres is on our website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-centres-map>

8. What are the percentages of vaccinations given at each location?

The Welsh Government does not hold this information as this is an operational matter for Health Boards.

9. How many Covid vaccines Wales has in storage as of 13th January 2020.

We are withholding information relating to the number of vaccine doses Wales has received under **Section 43(2)** which exempts information from release if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Please see **Annex 1** for further information.

Some data regarding the supplies of vaccines is now being published, this can be found on the link below: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-programme-stock-and-distribution>

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
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.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,

Engagement of Section 43 (2)

Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts information from release if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Officials have carefully considered all of the information captured by this request and consider that the information in question should be exempt under Section 43 (2) of the freedom of information act.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. This means that it can only be relied upon where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interests in disclosing the information.

Public interest arguments in favour of release

The Covid-19 pandemic is the greatest public health threat to the World in a hundred years and has resulted in major changes to everybody's lifestyle as governments around the world try to control the outbreak and keep their citizens safe and healthy. We recognise that there is a very strong public interest in the public understanding the decisions and actions taken by the Welsh Government to protect the people of Wales. Going forward, vaccination is seen as a key tool in the management of the virus. Consequentially there is a very strong public interest in the development of our policies and understanding how many doses of the vaccines is being received by Welsh Government, particularly as this can differ from other administrations.

The Welsh Government therefore, has endeavoured to ensure we are as transparent as possible, in particular through the media, publication of documents, Ministerial Written Statements and public statements in the Senedd along with ministerial press conferences and interviews. We recognise that transparency and openness improves public trust, leading to greater compliance with the measures introduced to bring the outbreak under control and thus reducing the overall impact of the virus on the people of Wales.

Public interest arguments in favour of withholding

The information you have requested relates to commercially sensitive information received Pfizer regarding vaccine deliveries that had been agreed with them by both the UK Government and the Welsh Government. We recognise that there is a general public interest in the disclosure of information, as greater transparency makes Government and decision making more open and accountable. Against this there is a public interest in ensuring that the commercial interests of external companies are not damaged or undermined by disclosure of information which is not common knowledge and which could adversely impact on future business.

It is important that companies are able to share commercially sensitive information with Government in the confidence that that information will not then enter the public domain and damage their wider commercial interests and opportunities. Disclosure of the requested information in this case *would be contrary to legitimate expectations of confidentiality* and would be likely to damage the commercial interests of the companies.

The commercial sensitivities mean that on this occasion we consider that the public interest would not be served by its release. Our decision is therefore to withhold the information.

Conclusion

Whilst recognising that there are public interest arguments for disclosure of the requested information related to this request, I consider that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs that in releasing it in this instance.