



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14990

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Dear

ATISN 14990 – Gyms and Leisure Centres

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 12 March. You requested the following information -

- 1. The scientific evidence from mid-February 2021 that postponed the re-opening of gyms and leisure centres from top priority for opening due to mental health to one of the last to re-open.*
- 2. The number of suicides in wales in wales on a month by month basis from December 2019 to February 2021.*
- 3. The number of covid deaths in wales for the same period.*

Our Response

In relation to your first question, in January, the Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group published a paper that identified the potential routes and risks of transmission, as well as any potential measures which can be taken to help reduce risks associated with activities in indoor exercise facilities in general. That paper is available here: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-01/technical-advisory-group-sars-cov-2-infection-risks-at-indoor-exercise-facilities.pdf>

In relation to your second question, Welsh Government does not collate this data. It comes from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Their most recently published [bulletin](#) is for 2019.

In relation to your third question, this data also comes from the Office for National Statistics.

You may wish to contact the Office for National Statistics. I have provided a contact point for your convenience –

FOI team
Room 1100
Office for National Statistics

Segensworth Road
Titchfield
Fareham
Hampshire
PO15 5RR
foi.team@ons.gov.uk

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
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,