



ATISN 15377

27 August 2021

Dear ,

ATISN 15377 – Covid-19 Testing Agencies

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 01 August. You requested the following:

- *Proof that Welsh Government are working with UK Government to seek assurance that only those companies who reach specified key performance indicators will be allowed to provide tests.*

Response

Welsh Government and UK Government officials meet on a weekly basis to discuss the private sector testing market and to ensure a collaborative approach is taken to the resolution of identified issues, including compliance and assurance on KPIs. This issue is also discussed regularly at Ministerial level, to ensure resolution can be reached as swiftly as possible.

Welsh Government also receives regular key performance indicator statistics on private sector test providers from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). According to their figures, between 6 June and 4 July 2021 76% of private providers reported test results within 48 hours of sampling, against a KPI target of 80%. 90% of private providers reported test results within 72 hours of sampling, against a KPI target of 100%. 79% of private providers delivered tests by the day of required testing, against a KPI target of 90%.

DHSC are also undertaking a review on the list of providers on the UK government website and the Secretary of State for Health has asked the Competition and Markets Authority to provide advice and intelligence on the market for PCR tests.

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.

Yours sincerely,