



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15000

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Dear

ATISN 15000 – COVID in gyms

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15 March. You requested the following information -

- *Evidence illustrating transmission rates of COVID-19 in Welsh gyms.*

Our Response

Welsh Government does not hold information on contact tracing regarding cases of Covid-19; that information is held by Public Health Wales which can be requested at:

foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk

The contact tracing system holds information regarding locations that cases have been in the seven days prior to onset of symptoms (or date of test if asymptomatic). This information is provided by the case to a contact tracer and is analysed from an epidemiological perspective. It does not provide conclusive confirmation of location of infection, or source of infection.

The Technical Advisory Cell (TAC) provides scientific and technical advice to support Ministers' to make informed decisions about the risk of transmission. In January, the TAC 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 (i.e. not just indoor gyms). 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>

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,