



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15504

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Dear

ATISN 15504 – COVID Vaccination data

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 10 September. You requested the following –

- 1) Number of deaths in the UK from the covid 19 vaccines, since the roll out began?*
- 2) The Number of adverse side-effects from the covid 19 vaccines, in the UK?*
- 3) The full ingredients of ALL the covid 19 vaccines?*
- 4) Evidence that the Covid 19 virus has been isolated?*

Our response

On Q1 and Q2, this information can be found at the link attached below –

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine adverse reactions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine-adverse-reactions)

When considering the data in the attached link, it is important to be aware of the following points:

- A reported reaction does not necessarily mean it has been caused by the vaccine, only that the reporter had a suspicion it may have. Each year, millions of doses of routine vaccinations are given in the UK alone, and when any vaccine is administered to large numbers of people, some recipients will inevitably experience illness following vaccination. The fact that symptoms occur after use of a vaccine or medicine, and are reported via the Yellow Card Scheme, does not in itself mean that they are proven to have been caused by it. Underlying or concurrent illnesses may be responsible and such events can also be coincidental.

- It is also important to note that the number of reports received via the Yellow Card scheme does not directly equate to the number of people who suffer adverse reactions and therefore cannot be used to determine the incidence of a reaction or compare the safety profile of different vaccines. ADR reporting rates are influenced by the seriousness of ADRs, their ease of recognition, the extent of use of a particular medicine, and may be stimulated by promotion and publicity about a drug. Reporting tends to be highest for newly introduced medicines during the first one to two years on the market and then falls over time.

As these data do not necessarily refer to proven side effects, you should refer to the product information which can be found here: <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/>

On Q3, This information can be found at the links attached below -

AstraZeneca - [Information for UK recipients on COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca \(Regulation 174\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Pfizer - [uk-spc-clean.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Moderna - [Summary of Product Characteristics for Spikevax - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

On Q4, I have provided a link to the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log where this information can be located for your convenience –

[FOI release 15388: Isolation of COVID-19 virus | GOV.WALES](#)

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,