



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15434

10 November 2021

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 15434

I am responding to your email which was received on 19 October 2021, complaining about our response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Act 2000. This letter is to inform you of the outcome.

You had asked for the following information:

1. *The scientific data and advice, utilised by the First Minister of Wales, to finalise the rules for testing those people returning from Amber listed countries.*
 - (a) *Justification for rules applied to unvaccinated people.*
 - (b) *Justification for rules applied to fully vaccinated people, those who have been administered 2 doses.*
2. *The amount being paid by the Welsh Government to Corporate Travel Management (CTM), with reference to the contract for carrying out COVID tests for travellers returning from Amber listed countries.*

On 31 August, we wrote to you explaining that the information requested relating to item 1 above was being withheld under Section 35 of the FOI Act – “Formulation of Government policy”.

I have reviewed our response to this element of your FOI request in accordance with the procedure stated in my previous letter to you (dated 21 October). In this instance, I believe that our response was correct, and that the exemption applied was appropriate.

In the circumstances, I do not uphold your complaint.

In response to your second request we indicated that Welsh Government does not fund Corporate Travel Management (CTM) for the provision of test booking services and that the contract is managed by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on behalf of all four UK nations. We should have clarified that we do not hold information relevant to this request.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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