



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15649

23 November 2021

Dear

ATISN 15649 – JCVI Minutes

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 02 November regarding the JCVI minutes. You requested the following information:

- 1. Whether Eluned Morgan received these minutes, prior to her decision to the roll-out of COVID vaccinations to 12 to 15 year old children in Wales.*
- 2. To bring to the attention of Eluned Morgan, the link showing adverse effects caused by COVID vaccination of children in Australia in case she is unaware.*

In your email dated 05 November, you also requested information on the following:

- 3. If Eluned Morgan think she should reverse the decision to vaccinate this age group?*
- 4. Could Eluned Morgan state the level of danger she perceives from COVID to the 12 to 15 year old age group, perhaps illustrating on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 would indicate likelihood of death.*

Our response

1. I am able to confirm that the Minister for Health and Social Services was made aware of the JCVI advice on vaccinating 12-15yr olds ahead of taking the decision to vaccinate this group.
2. We have passed on your link regarding adverse effects caused by COVID vaccination of children in Australia to the Minister's Private Office.
3. The Minister does not make medical assessments of this nature as she is not medically qualified to do so. Instead, the Minister receives advice from others who are medically qualified, for example the MHRA and the JCVI, as well as the Chief

Medical Officer for Wales. This advice is regularly published on the Welsh Government webpages for everyone to see.

4. Response as above

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

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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,