

ATISN 15699

16 December 2021

Dear

ATISN 15699 - Covid-19 Data

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 19 November regarding Covid-19 data. I have interpreted your request for data as follows:

- 1. With regards to the number of Covid19 cases that have come from nightclubs since they have been reopened up until the rollout of the passport, how likely (as a percentage) it is that they will pass the virus on to other people?
- 2. To provide data on the effectiveness of a lateral flow test
- 3. A break-down of these in cases number of people who required hospitalization, age ranges and how the virus affected people throughout the various age ranges that have pre-existing conditions which made them more vulnerable to covid
- 4. How the figure of 2,417 cases (as of 17th November) is broken down for each health board of the those hospitalized
- 5. How many where hospitalized with other conditions and contracted covid in hospital
- 6. The number of deaths and all the figures added up and compared as a percentage of the total population of wales

Our response

- 1. The Welsh Government does not hold this information.
- 2. Effectiveness of a lateral flow test is measured in terms of sensitivity and specificity. Information *data on the effectiveness of a lateral flow test* is available on our website on the link below: Lateral flow testing for people without symptoms | GOV.WALES

A more recent study from University College London found rapid tests were "a very useful public health tool" for stopping the spread of the virus.

Based on the UCL research, the researchers found LFTs were more than 80% effective at detecting any level of Covid-19 infection and likely to be more than 90% effective at detecting who is most infectious when they use the test.



3. The Welsh Government does not hold this information. However, the information you are seeking maybe located on the Public Health Wales (PHW) dashboard:

Rapid COVID-19 virology - Public | Tableau Public

PHW may also hold more data on this and you may wish to approach them. This is their email: phw.foi@wales.nhs.uk

The CO-CIN data set, which is publicly available, is the closest in terms of understanding data. Here is the link: COVID-19 Clinical Information Network (CO-CIN) (healthdatagateway.org)

- 4. & 5. The Welsh Government does not hold this information. This data is held by the Health Boards and should you wish to contact them, I have attached their details in Annex 1.
- 6. The Welsh Government does not hold this data. ONS publish information on mortality and have attached a link where you may find more information: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)

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,
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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,

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