



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15756

December 2021

Dear

ATISN 15756 – Covid Pass Evidence

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 06 December 2021 relating to the covid Pass. I have interpreted your request as follows:

- 1. To provide evidence from studies the Welsh Government has commissioned and undertaken, which show that covid passports prevent transmission of SARS CoV2 and prevent people from catching it and developing actual symptoms of the illness called Covid 19.*
- 2. If the Welsh Government has not undertaken such studies, to provide any third party documentation which the Welsh Government has used to support its decision to using covid passports and extend their use to pubs, restaurants and other such venues*

Our Response

- The information you have requested has been published and can be located here [technical-advisory-group-advice-on-vaccine-passports.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)
- The evidence that was used to enable a decision to be reached include the following:
 - SAGE:
[NERVTAG: Immunity certification, 9 December 2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
[NERVTAG: Immunity certification update, 4 February 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
[S1082 SAGE 79 Minutes.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
 - UK Government:
[COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
[COVID-Status Certification Review: Report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
 - Scottish Government:
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine certification: evidence paper - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)
 - Technical Advisory Cell advice to Welsh Government is published on the website [here](#)

- Reference made in the debate on the 9th by Plaid Cymru to the article and research. [Community transmission and viral load kinetics of the SARS-CoV-2 delta \(B.1.617.2\) variant in vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in the UK: a prospective, longitudinal, cohort study - The Lancet Infectious Diseases](#)
- Further information on the NHS Covid Pass can be found here: [Get your NHS COVID Pass | 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,