



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 16007

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Dear

ATISN 16007 – COVID autopsies

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 24 January 2022. You asked the following questions -

- 1) Please supply deaths caused solely by covid-19, where covid-19 is the only cause of death listed on the death certificate, broken down by age group and gender between Feb 2020 up to and including Dec 2021 in Wales.*
- 2) Please supply the number of autopsies carried out on those where covid-19 was the only cause stated.*

I can confirm Welsh Government does not hold the information requested.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) collect and produce mortality statistics for England and Wales based on information collected from the death registration process. They publish [monthly](#) statistics on deaths due to Covid-19 (i.e. where Covid-19 was identified as the underlying (main) cause on the death certificate), which are broken down by month, area, gender and age. Alongside the monthly release the ONS also [publish](#) quarterly information on pre-existing conditions mentioned on the death certificate of deaths due to Covid-19. For further information on this data, please contact the ONS at health.data@ons.gov.uk.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) publishes coroner statistics for England and Wales, including information on autopsies/post-mortem examinations. Their yearly [report](#) provides information on these coroner statistics. For more information on this data please contact the MoJ at CAJS@justice.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,
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,