



Ref: ATISN 16729

27 October 2022

Dear ,

ATISN 16729 – Covid-19 Paper

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 05 October which will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). You have requested the following:

The Welsh Government Technical Advisory Cell paper: 'Our latest understanding of COVID-19 with respect to children and education', June 2020
[\[https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/our-latest-understanding-of-covid-19-%20respect-to-children-education.pdf\]](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/our-latest-understanding-of-covid-19-%20respect-to-children-education.pdf). You refer to page 17-18 of this document details 'Paper by the US Department of Homeland Security on virus survival on surfaces and in aerosol'.

1. Which organisation shared this paper with the Welsh Government Technical Advisory cell, and what was the date of its receipt by the Technical Advisory Cell?
2. Was any advisory / stipulation placed on the paper's publication according to a requirement for confidentiality, and if so, by whom?

Our Response

1. This paper was shared by SAGE on 12 May 2020 - [EMG: Survival of SARS-CoV-2 in the environment, 11 May 2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
2. No advisories or stipulations were placed on the paper's confidentiality.

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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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,