

29 September 2022

Dear

ATISN 16623 – Pathologists

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 02 September 2022 relating to pathologists and miscarriage investigations which will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). You have requested the following:

- 1. How many dedicated pathologists do we have in Wales who are involved with investigating the causes of miscarriage?*
- 2. How many miscarriage investigations were commissioned in the year 2021 (January - December, inclusive)*
- 3. How many miscarriage investigations were completed in the year 2021 (January - December, inclusive)*
- 4. Is there a guideline as to the amount of time a miscarriage investigation should take and if so, please can you provide that guideline duration*

Our Response

- 1 Welsh Government does not hold information about how pathologists in Health Boards are deployed.
- 2 Welsh Government does not hold information on miscarriage investigations as these are not reported nationally.
- 3 & 4 Miscarriages may be investigated under the Putting Things Right regulations through the relevant Health Board

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,