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Dear

ATISN 16756 – Covid-19 Transmission

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 14 October which was dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). You had requested the following:

- 1. A copy of the report or study to prove that 'covid pass' stop transmission.*
- 2. Can you tell me what evidence Welsh government has that the vaccines stop the transmission*

Our Response

Please note that Welsh Government never indicated that a covid pass or the vaccine programme would stop transmission.

1. We can confirm that the information you have requested is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act. We are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have requested is available at this website: <https://gov.wales/atisn15646> and <https://gov.wales/atisn15756>
2. Vaccination reduces infection and uninfected individuals cannot spread the infection. Vaccinated individuals who become infected appear less likely to transmit infection. The protective effects of vaccination tend to wane over time.

A recent evidence review by the Wales COVID-19 Evidence Centre (CEC)¹ found reduction in SARS-CoV-2 transmission from vaccinated people when Alpha was dominant, and that effectiveness for reduced transmission was greater in fully vaccinated people than partially vaccinated.

- [Impact of vaccination on new SARS-CoV-2 infections in the UK | medRxiv](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine coverage in health-care workers in England and effectiveness of BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine against infection \(SIREN\): a prospective, multicentre, cohort study - The Lancet](#)
- [Vaccine effectiveness of the first dose of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 and BNT162b2 against SARS-CoV-2 infection in residents of long-term care facilities in England \(VIVALDI\): a prospective cohort study - The Lancet Infectious Diseases](#)

¹ [RR00012_Wales_COVID-19_Evidence_Centre-Rapid_Review_What_is_the_risk_of_Sars-CoV-2_transmission_in_vaccinated_populations_November_2021.pdf \(primecentre.wales\)](#)

- [Vaccine side-effects and SARS-CoV-2 infection after vaccination in users of the COVID Symptom Study app in the UK: a prospective observational study - The Lancet Infectious Diseases](#)
- [RR00012 Wales COVID-19 Evidence Centre- Rapid Review What is the risk of Sars-CoV-2 transmission in vaccinated populations November 2021.pdf \(primecentre.wales\)](#)

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,