



Ref: ATISN 18686

27 July 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 18686 – Meeting with Secretary of State for Health

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 5 July 2023. You have requested the following:

- 1. From 1st January 2020 to 1st July 2020, please provide a list of meetings that took place between Wales' Health Minister Vaughan Gething and Health Secretary Matt Hancock. For each meeting, please provide the date.*
- 2. From 1st January 2020 to 1st July 2020, please provide a list of telephone calls that took place between Wales' Health Minister Vaughan Gething and Health Secretary Matt Hancock. For each telephone call, please provide the date.*
- 3. I understand that there were telephone calls between Gething and Hancock on:*
 - 10th March 2020 at 16:00*
 - 12th March 2020 at 13:00*
 - 27th March 2020 at 12:30*

For each, please describe what was discussed on the call, and please provide any notes that were taken during these telephone calls.

Our Response

- Details of Ministers' meetings are published quarterly in arrears at the following link: <https://gov.wales/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements>.
- As above.
- 10 March 2020 at 16:00* – Welsh Government can confirm that this call did take place. However, we do not have a note of the conversation, and therefore we are unable to confirm what was discussed.
12th March 2020 at 13:00 – Although there is a note in the diary, we are unable to confirm if this call took place. The call was arranged to take place

immediately prior to a COBR meeting and we do not hold any record as to what was discussed.

27th March 2020 at 12:30 – We can confirm that there was a call proposed for 12:30, but this did not take place. Instead, a four nations telephone call was held at 14:00 and we do not hold any notes from this meeting/call.

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,