



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 14444

16 November 2020

Dear

**ATISN 14444 – Covid exit strategy**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 16 October. You asked for:

*Please detail all information held/communication between ministers/risk assessments/advice received regarding the following:*

- *Medium to Long Term Plan if no Vaccine is found by December 2020*
- *Effect of the restrictions on mental health/suicides/economy*
- *All advice received by the Welsh Government regarding the impact of the restrictions on slowing down the end of the pandemic and thus ultimately causing more harm*
- *advice regarding controlled herd immunity with targeted shielding for those at risk*

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested we would be required to conduct a number of searches through all communications between the identified parties to identify which contain the information you are seeking.

From my preliminary assessment, I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. As such, your request should be refused, as dealing with it would exceed the 'appropriate limit' set out under Section 12 of the Act. The 'appropriate limit' is set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations and, for central government, that's £600 or 24 hours. This means if we estimate it would take over 24 hours to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it then we can refuse the request.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of our electronic filing system and mailboxes. Searching our filing system alone has retrieved over 3,200 documents of various sizes and complexity and this does not take into account searches carried out in mailboxes. Consequently, after considering the regulations and applying the timescales for review, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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](mailto: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,