



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 15412

14 October 2021

Dear

### **Complaint in respect of ATISN 15412**

I am responding to your email which was received on 28 September 2021, complaining about our response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information ("FOI") Act 2000. This letter is to inform you of the outcome.

You had asked for the following information:

- *Can you please provide me with the data you used to effectively continue with masks*

On 09 September, we responded to your request and provided links towards documents published by the Technical Advisory Group and the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies that outlined the rationale for the continued use of face masks.

I have reviewed our response to your FOI request in accordance with the procedure stated in my previous letter to you (dated 28 September). In this instance, I believe that our response was correct, and that the exemption applied was appropriate.

In the circumstances, I do not uphold your complaint.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745  
Fax: 01625 524 510  
Email: [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales  
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae  
Pencoed  
Bridgend  
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)  
Email: [ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk](mailto:ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr Andrew Goodall', written in a cursive style.

Dr Andrew Goodall CBE  
Director General Health and Social Services/ NHS Wales Chief Executive