



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15523

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Dear

ATISN 15523 – Vaccination Passport Data

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 20 September. You asked for–

- 1) The data used to support Welsh Government’s decision on the implementation of a vaccine passport in Wales.

Response

Welsh Government does not hold primary data but the evidence we have is published in the document at the link below. However, please note, the attached paper was not the only source of information utilised whilst considering the implementation of vaccine passports in Wales. This decision was based on a variety of factors that extend beyond the content of the attached paper.

[technical-advisory-group-advice-on-vaccine-passports.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)

This autumn and winter could be very difficult, with Covid and seasonal flu both in circulation, potentially putting the NHS and wider services under enormous pressure. The advice from SAGE is very clear that we should act early to slow down a growing epidemic and that taking early and what it calls “low-cost interventions” now may reduce the need for tougher measures later to control the spread of the virus.

We take this advice seriously because none of us want to see businesses having to shut again and further lockdowns introduced, if they can be avoided. For that reason, we have introduced Covid passes – as part of a series of measures to mitigate the spread of Covid through the community, and the associated harms that brings.

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
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,