



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15570

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Dear

ATISN 15570 – COVID passport data

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 06 October. You requested -

- *A copy of the raw data used to support the use of COVID passports in events in Wales. Additionally, the theories and conclusions from the scientists, with details on the experiments and where and when they were conducted, the typology of the rooms, ventilation condition air pattern, number of people, outside and inside temperature.*

Our response

There is no “raw data” held to explain the use of Covid passports in events. For the rationale for the use of certification, there are a range of publically available documents, including within the UK:

- SAGE:
 - [NERVTAG: Immunity certification, 9 December 2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nervtag-immunity-certification-9-december-2020)
 - [NERVTAG: Immunity certification update, 4 February 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nervtag-immunity-certification-update-4-february-2021)
 - [S1082_SAGE_79_Minutes.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97421/S1082_SAGE_79_Minutes.pdf)
- UK Government:
 - [COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-response-autumn-and-winter-plan-2021)
 - [COVID-Status Certification Review: Report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97421/COVID-Status_Certification_Review_Report.pdf)
- Scottish Government: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine certification: evidence paper - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/evidence-paper-2020-12-10/pages/default.aspx)
- Technical Advisory Cell advice to Welsh Government is published on the website here: [Advice on coronavirus from the Technical Advisory Cell | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/coronavirus-technical-advisory-cell)

- The debate in the Senedd, and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, are publically available: [SL\(6\)053 - The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 17\) Regulations 2021 \(senedd.wales\)](#)

It has been in use for international travel for quite some time, and it has been required over the summer for access to many events and premises across the UK, including in England. The rationale for its use across the UK and internationally has been accepted by all governments in the UK on this basis (NI now also recommending for high risk venues). Similar schemes are in widespread use across the EU and beyond.

Next Steps

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

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Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process

Yours sincerely,