



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 15903

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Dear

### **ATISN 15903 – Covid19 Autopsies**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 29 December 2021. You requested the following:

- 1. How many autopsies have been carried out on the people who have written COVID-19 on their death certificate?*
- 2. How many people have died where COVID-19 was the only cause of death?*

### **Our Response**

On Q1, the Welsh Government does not hold this information. However, we are aware that the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) publishes coroner statistics for England and Wales, including information on post-mortem examinations. Their yearly [report](#) is available on their website and for more information on this data please contact the MoJ at [CAJS@justice.gov.uk](mailto:CAJS@justice.gov.uk)

On Q2, the Welsh Government does not hold the information requested. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) collect and produce mortality statistics for England and Wales based on information collected from the death registration process. They [publish](#) quarterly information on pre-existing conditions mentioned on the death certificate for deaths due to Covid-19. For further information on this data, please contact the ONS at [health.data@ons.gov.uk](mailto:health.data@ons.gov.uk).

### **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](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,