

22 November 2022

Dear

ATISN 16835 – Long Covid

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which we received on 04 November 2022. You had requested the following:

- *All documentation around the Welsh Government's Department of Health and Social Care's decision to keep Long COVID and ME/CFS as separate conditions*

Our Response

Welsh Government does not hold documents that specifically relate to your request. However, we are able to confirm that the following documents have been published in regards to Long Covid:

- [Technical Advisory Group: Long-COVID | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Science Evidence Advice: Long COVID update October 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)

As a new condition, with many unanswered questions, it was appropriate to establish services separately for long COVID. Throughout our response to the coronavirus pandemic Welsh Government has always made decisions based on the latest available evidence. Decisions about our response to long COVID has been no different and we worked closely with the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) in determining how we would respond to long COVID. We keep emerging evidence under review and will use this process to inform future policy decisions.

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

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,