

24 April 2023

Dear

ATISN 17421 – Covid 19 Pharmaceutical Pathways

Thank you for your further request to the Welsh Government for information received on 22 April 2023 which will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). I have interpreted your request as follows:

What pharmaceutical protocols were recommended for anticipatory medications that might be needed in the treatment of COVID-19.

Response

A number of UK-wide clinical access policies provided recommendations on the use of therapeutic agents for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalised and non-hospitalised patients. These are all available to access at [COVID-19 therapies - alerts and advice - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre \(nhs.wales\)](#)

You also commented that some of the links do not work in the PDF documents we provided as part of the response to your original request. We only have a record of the documents provided to you and do not have the information that was hyperlinked in documents one and two. This is because the NHS in Wales used a national digital platform to provide the guideline to NHS clinical teams. The national digital platform was made available until 31 March 2023 to NHS clinicians that had registered with the digital platform.

Next Steps

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor 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.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to 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

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.of.information@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,