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Dear

## **ATISN 17469 – Coronavirus Act in Wales**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 05 May 2023 relating to the Coronavirus Act in Wales. You have requested the following:

- *To advise if the Coronavirus Act in Wales has expired in totality or has the Welsh government retained any part of it on a temporary or permanent basis, if so which parts and for how long? Could you also advise if it did expire when that was exactly?*

### **Our Response**

The Coronavirus Act 2020 remains in force and applies throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland albeit with numerous revocations and revocations pending.

Most provisions of The Coronavirus Act 2020 expired after a period of two years of being passed in accordance with Section.89. S.90 however affords the national authorities (to include the Welsh Ministers) the ability to alter the expiry dates within S.89 via Regulations.

Concerning expiry dates within Wales; the following relevant secondary legislation has been passed:

- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alternation of Expiry Date) (Wales) Regulations 2022
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Delay in Expiry: Inquests, Courts and Tribunals, and Statutory Sick Pay) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland), Regulations 2022
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Wales) Regulations 2022,
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Transportation, Storage and Disposal of Dead Bodies etc) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry: Local Authority Care and Support) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Local Authority Care and Support) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Expiry of Mental Health Provisions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The current sections of the Coronavirus Act 2020 which are in force that may relate to Wales are S. 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 18, 19, 38, 65, 66, 67, 68, 78, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 100 and 102.

## **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,