

29 November 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 19246 – Covid Inquiry**

Thank you for your request which I received on 06 November 2023. You asked for:

*All written correspondence sent by the Welsh Government to relevant third sector bodies on engaging with the UK Covid Inquiry in respect of submitting evidence or applying to be core participants.*

### **Our response**

The Welsh Government has established a stakeholder engagement group which has approximately 100 members. The group includes a wide range of bodies including representation from the third sector. The Wales Council for Voluntary Action as a membership body for the sector is also a member of the group. The group provides information about the Covid 19 Inquiry as it progresses and opportunities for engagement. A representative from the UK Covid 19 Inquiry team has also attended the group to provide information and answer questions. The meetings have highlighted opportunities to apply for core participant status and ways to share evidence with the Inquiry.

The Welsh Government does not hold specific correspondence sent to third sector bodies on engaging with the UK Covid-19 Inquiry in respect of submitting evidence or applying to be core participants.

### **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