

Dear

ATISN 26363– COVID Correspondence

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 November 2025.

We believe you are asking for copies of all information shared with the Catholic Church in Wales relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the elder, the disabled or NHS nursing staff, for the period between Jan 1 2020 to Jan 1 2023.

Our response

Whilst we may hold information that is captured by your request, my preliminary assessment is that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to comply with your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold relevant information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of our electronic filing system. Initial searches of our electronic files using the following key words: COVID Pandemic, Welsh Government, Welsh Catholic Church have retrieved **3,990** documents of various sizes and complexity. Each of these documents would need to be manually reviewed to identify whether they are wholly or partially within scope of your request. Consequently, after considering the regulations and applying the timescales for review, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Some information you are seeking may be available to you on the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry website: [Documents Archive - UK Covid-19 Inquiry](#).

You may also wish to view the following link to a witness statement from a senior official in the Welsh Government, which does include some information about our liaison with faith groups during the pandemic: [INQ000273937 - Witness Statement provided by Tracey Burke on behalf of the Communities and Tackling Poverty Directorate, Welsh Government, dated 25/10/2023. - UK Covid-19 Inquiry](#).

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