17 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0114 - Effectiveness of PPE

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26 October, relating to a meeting held on 22 March 2022 associated with HSE's PROTECT National Core Study.

You requested the following:

1. Copies of any presentations (including PowerPoint slides), handouts, briefing papers, reports or other supporting documents relating to the meeting of 22 March 2022 which were provided to Ms Morton, whether before, during or after the meeting.

2. Copies of any emails or other communications through which these documents were supplied to Ms Morton, including all attachments. This should include material circulated by HSE, the meeting organisers or other participants, whether sent directly to Ms Morton or forwarded to her by Welsh Government officials.

3. Copies of any notes made by Ms Morton during or following the meeting, including any notes or supporting documents used in preparing her briefing note of 23 March 2022.

4. Paragraph 6 of Ms Morton's briefing note states that “HSE will be working urgently with NHS to address this”, referring to the need for guidance concerning PPE protection against fine aerosols. Provide copies of any correspondence, reports, briefing papers or other documents received by Ms Morton from HSE between 22 March and 8 April 2022 relating to this proposed work.

Our Response

The Welsh Government have completed a search thorough saved records, and we address your request below in order:

- We have been unable to identify any records of presentations (including PowerPoint slides), handouts, briefing papers, reports or other supporting documents relating to the meeting of 22 March 2022, which may have been supplied to Ms Morton whether before, during or after the meeting.

- Accordingly, we have been unable to identify accompanying emails or other communications with Ms Morton. This includes material circulated by HSE, the meeting organisers and other participants, or forwarded to her by Welsh Government colleagues.

- Ms Morton retired from the Welsh Government in early 2024; we do not have any records of any written or electronic notes that were made by Ms Morton during or following the meeting held on the 22 March 2022.

- We do not have any records of correspondence, reports, briefing papers or other documents found to have been received by Ms Morton from HSE between 22 March and 8 April 2022 relating to the proposed guidance concerning PPE to protection against fine aerosols.

This meeting was led by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). They may therefore hold the information you have requested.

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
4th Floor
No. 3 Circle Square
5 Hawkshaw Street
Manchester
M1 7BL

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,