



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14016

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Dear

ATISN 14016 – Covid-19 restrictions

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 31 May.

You asked for the following:

- Evidence that the reopening of managed outdoors sites (e.g. outdoor markets, sports courts, outdoor showrooms, and outdoor museums) was considered on 28th May by the Welsh Government as part of its review of the COVID 19 restrictions;
- A copy of the minutes showing the discussion on this issue on that date;
- Any scientific evidence from SAGE or TAC that was used to justify the continuing of the closure of outdoor sports courts during the restriction considerations on 28th May;
- Evidence of why it is considered a reasonable risk for 2 households of unlimited numbers to meet outdoors yet it is not considered a reasonable risk to allow 2 people to use an outdoor sport court (especially if they are from the same household).

The First Minister of Wales issued a written statement on 29 May regarding the Review of Lockdown Measures and The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020. This refers to the consideration of outdoor sites:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-review-lockdown-measures-and-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-wales>

The Welsh Government Cabinet met on 28 May to review coronavirus lockdown regulations. The minutes of Cabinet meetings are published on the Welsh Government website approximately six weeks after each meeting:

<https://gov.wales/cabinet-meetings#Cabinetmeetings:2020>

Information relating to the Technical Advisory Cell (TAC) can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/technical-advisory-cell>

For more information regarding scientific advice, you may also be interested in the UK Government SAGE website at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response>

In relation to the final part of the request, we did not make this comparison and therefore we do not hold information on it. The documents mentioned above describe the approach taken, including taking account of the cumulative impact of easing restrictions and the rationale for allowing two households to meet.

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

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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,