



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 14910

19 March 2021

Dear

### **ATISN 14910 – Data Informing the decision to close driving schools**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 17 February 2021. I have interpreted your request as follows:

- 1) *Track and Trace evidence that supports the decision to close driving schools.*

### **Our Response**

Welsh Government does not hold information about where Covid-19 cases have been contracted. The contact tracing system holds information regarding locations that cases have been in the seven days prior to onset of symptoms (or date of test if asymptomatic). This information is provided by the case to a contact tracer and is analysed from an epidemiological perspective. It does not provide conclusive confirmation of location of infection, or source of infection.

The Technical Advisory Cell (TAC) provides scientific and technical advice to support Ministers' to make informed decisions about the risk of transmission. You can view all publications on the [Technical Advisory Cell](#) webpages.

In respect of business closures, we recognise the enormous efforts that businesses have made to become safe places. Closure requirements are not a reflection on those efforts and many business environments make a low or moderate contribution only to the risk of transmitting the virus. At alert level 4, minimising any contribution to the spread of the virus is vitally important and is why certain businesses are required to close. Further information on current restrictions can be found on the following link: [Alert Level 4 - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### **Next Steps**

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

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,