



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15757

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Dear

ATISN 15757 – Vaccination Exemptions

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 06 December relating to vaccination exemptions. You requested the following:

- 1. Disclosure of the evidence base to substantiate the claim that there are less than a 100 who are not able to receive a vaccination or able to take a lateral flow test.*
- 2. Please clarify what criteria is used to deem an exemption.*

Our Response

1. The Welsh Government has never claimed that are less than 100 people who are exempt from vaccinations. However, following discussions with clinicians we did say that are likely to be less than 100 people who are medically exempt from a vaccination and would be unable to take a lateral flow test
2. There are a small number of people in Wales who will be medically unable to receive a Covid 19 vaccination. We have been working with partners (including clinicians and local health boards) in Wales to finalise the formal clinical definition for those who are considered to be medically exempt from receiving a Covid 19 vaccine and those who would be medically unable to take a lateral flow test. An announcement on the definition and the process for being automatically awarded an exemption will be made in January.

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,