

ATISN 15757

4 February 2022

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 15757 – Vaccination Exemptions

I am responding to your email which was received on 06 January 2022 which asked us to review the response issued to your request for information under the Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Act 2000. This letter is to inform you of the outcome.

In your original request dated 06 December, you requested:

- 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.*

In our response dated 06 January, we explained that the Welsh Government had never claimed that are less than 100 people who are exempt from vaccinations, but 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.

In your follow up email, dated 06 January 2022, you indicated that you require the evidential basis of this estimation as the estimate should be evidence based. You also asked for us to advise the clinicians who have informed Welsh Government's estimate and what was the evidence presented by these clinicians to support said estimate.

I have reviewed our response to your FOI request in accordance with the procedure stated in my previous letter to you (dated 6 January). Our interpretation of your request was that your analysis of the claim was not correct so no evidence base was provided. Furthermore, you did not ask for details of the clinicians involved in the estimate in your original request. I therefore do not uphold your complaint.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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