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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

To: Public Health Wales [P H W] - Freedom of Information team

Your attention is drawn to a recent post on "Big Gee's blog" available at the following link.

<https://biggeesblog.cymru/index.php/2020/07/02/facemask-hysteria-and-misinformation/>

Would you please note the content. I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information under the F O I Act 2000.

1. The advice provided by P H W to Welsh Government regarding the wearing of facemasks in public [while shopping, or by employees at their place of employment].
2. The advice provided by P H W to Welsh Government regarding the wearing of facemasks in public by the elderly with poor lung function or those with lung diseases. For example, COPD, emphysema or pulmonary fibrosis, or those with underlying health conditions and weakened immune systems.
3. Details of the scientific / medical studies regarding wearing of facemasks upon which the advice to Welsh Government is based.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request for information. Any advice provided by Public Health Wales in regards to facemasks while in public, would have been given as part of the involvement in the Welsh Government Technical Advisory Cell.

Welsh Government would be best placed to respond to your request.

The email address you require is: Email: TechnicalAdvisoryCell@gov.wales

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