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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information Requested:

Hello, like so many vulnerable older people I am pleased with the U.K,s attempt to control and conquer the Coronavirus outbreak.

I however am old enough to remember the scare raised throughout S. Wales in 1962 over the Smallpox Epidemic that hit us, here in Rhondda, and I am left wondering if THEN! there had been any forward planning to counter its arrival, bearing in mind that it was still a World wide menace.....Whilst watching and reading about the amazing degree of present day readiness that has swung into action, I wonder if in 1962 Wales had Smallpox, containment plans and are they available and IF?,SO where can I get and read them?

S.Wales at that time with its busy international seaports of Cardiff, Newport, Barry, and Swansea should have been pinpointed out as possible entry points.

### Information provided for the answer:

Many thanks for your enquiry. Unfortunately Public Health Wales did not exist as an organisation in 1962 and matters of Public Health at that time were dealt with by local authorities. It is very unlikely that any plans of this nature that were around in 1962 would still be held today by any public bodies in Wales. However I would hope that the historical significance of documents such as these would not have been lost on my

counterparts from that time, and I trust that someone somewhere would have had the foresight to archive them.

The National Archive at Kew in London is the national repository for documents such as these but across Wales there are a large number of other local archives. The following is an up to date list of all local archives in Wales which you may try. Most will allow online searches to confirm if they hold the documents you are looking for, although most will require you to physically go there to view any documents they hold.

You might also try local libraries and of course the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.

I'm sorry I can't be of more help but I wish you luck in your searches.

- . Archifau Ynys Mon / Anglesey Archives, <https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/Residents/Residents.aspx#as?folderIds=1111,4080>
- . Carmarthenshire Archive Service, <https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/libraries-archives/archives-family-history/archives-collections/#.Xk6mpOQ3ZPZ>
- . Ceredigion Archives, <http://www.archifdy-ceredigion.org.uk/>
- . Conwy Archive Service, <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Libraries-Museums-and-Archives/Archives/Archives.aspx>
- . Denbighshire Archives, <http://archives.denbighshire.gov.uk>
- . Flintshire Record Office, <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/LeisureAndTourism/Records-and-Archives/Home.aspx>
- . Glamorgan Archives, <https://glamarchives.gov.uk/>
- . Gwent Archives, <http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/>
- . Gwynedd Archives, <https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Libraries-and-archives/Archives-and-family-history/Archives-and-family-history.aspx>
- . Gwynedd Archives, <https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Libraries-and-archives/Archives-and-family-history/Archives-and-family-history.aspx>
- . Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies, <http://www.culture4pembrokeshire.co.uk/content.asp?nav=3>
- . Powys Archives Powys County Council, <https://en.powys.gov.uk/archives>
- . West Glamorgan Archive Service, <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/westglamorganarchives>

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