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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I wish to make an application under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My application is for the provision of the specific Health and Safety assessment undertaken by PHW during early May 2020, of the Crown Court buildings located in Cathays Park, Cardiff and the ability of HMCTS to safely readmit members of the public back to the court buildings and re-commence and conduct jury trials.

I wish to ensure that my personal safety during Covid-19 by attending the court buildings, is not put at risk.

Please would you provide the formal assessment report undertaken by PHW of the court buildings, the court rooms and the measures in place.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

Public Health Wales (PHW) has not undertaken a Health Impact Assessment on Cardiff Crown Court.

PHW advised on the checklist belonging to HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) for the opening of the court. Our role was to advise from a public health perspective whether or not we were happy that the process in principle conformed to guidance and advice on infection control. We confirmed that we were content that, where these arrangements are put in place, new jury trials can begin safely. However this is not a Health Impact Assessment.

The checklist and court process belong to the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and is being led by HMCTS. We cannot answer on behalf of either MOJ or HMCTS but you can contact HMCTS direct at HMCTSGoldCommand@justice.gov.uk.

It is also for HMCTS and their estates team to confirm that they have a functioning ventilation system in place in specific courts.

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