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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I'd like to ask for a Freedom of Information request asking why the science has been interpreted differently between Public Health England and Public Health Wales when they have a memorandum to provide collective advice except where clear reason not to.

Currently shielders are being asked to stay at home until the end of June in England and 16th August in Wales. Which is quite a disparity. And if this is an exceptional case, why is the risk greater in Wales?

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Guidance and advice in regards to shielding in Wales is issued by Welsh Government. We would advise you direct your enquiry to them as they would be in a better position to answer your questions.

You can contact them on: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales,

You may also find the information you require by checking their guidance on shielding: <https://gov.wales/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-people-defined-on-medical-grounds-as-extremely-vulnerable-from-coronavirus-covid-19-html>

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