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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date information is due to be sent	16th December 2020

Information Requested:

We are writing to request the scientific evidence Public Health Wales and Welsh Government used to inform their decision to not reopen theatres in Wales despite other cultural venues being allowed to (partially) reopen. We are aware that the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism and his department have been involved in producing guidance for the arts and culture sector, and that any FOI requests related to Covid-19 data also need to be addressed to Public Health Wales.

In particular, we are requesting the following information from Public Health Wales:

1. Scientific evidence used for the decision to reopen cinemas and other cultural venues and the rationale for the restrictions on the use of their facilities and services.
2. Scientific evidence used for the decision not to reopen theatres that would allow participatory arts activities to take place in smaller, organised groups.
3. Scientific evidence Public Health Wales holds on how safe it is to reopen theatres given the pandemic as held and shared by the other devolved nations of the United Kingdom and the UK Government in particular.

We have checked that this information has not already been published. We have searched your website, your publications catalogue and disclosure log.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

Public Health Wales do not hold this information and your enquiry should be directed to Welsh Government who may be able to assist with your enquiries and I attach a link for their FOI request page below:-

<https://gov.wales/requesting-information-welsh-government-foi-requests>

I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance on this occasion.

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