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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I understand that PHW has prepared a report/ guidance on use of Cardiff Crown Court following the Pandemic outbreak. I understand considerable effort has gone into ensuring two meter distancing. Well done to all involved. It sounds the best it can be.

My concern relates however, to the ventilation. Court 5 has been chosen for trials. This an enclosed windowless space.

May I see the report on this. I want to ensure that the air being circulated is purified. Otherwise distancing will be for nothing if we are breathing in the same air.(Like sitting on an aeroplane six feet apart but all breathing same air.)

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 5.

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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