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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I attach information on Covid 19 antibody test downloaded from P H W website. It remains unclear, from the information provided, how Covid 19 antibody test results are to be used in Wales to guide government policy and process. Given that eminent members of the medical profession have questioned the value of these tests I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information under the F O I Act 2000.

1. Estimated cost of the antibody testing programme in Wales
2. Have the antibody tests been assessed by P H W and validated by peer review.
3. How antibody test results are to be used in Wales to guide Welsh Government policy and process.
4. How personal data gathered through the testing process is to be managed to ensure compliance with the data management principles set out in the G D P R and Data Protection Act 2018.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does not hold this information, the antibody testing programme is organised and funded centrally by UK government.

Personal data gathered through the testing process is managed in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR. Data Protection Impact Assessments are

conducted to assess the data requirements to ensure the minimal amount of data is collected, held securely and only retained for as long as necessary. Further information can be found on our Privacy Notice here:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/privacy-notice/>

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