# Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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## Information Requested:

1. Please provide the scientific evidence which supports a ban on the purchase of non-essential goods from Welsh based shops or other outlets.

2. If there is no scientific evidence to support a ban then please state the non scientific reason for the ban on the purchase of non-essential goods from Welsh based shops or other outlets.

3. If the ban on the purchase of non-essential goods has no scientific basis, then please state how purchases and deliveries from online sources based outside of Wales will be considered safer for the Welsh population.

## Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

Thank you for your email. The decision to ban the purchase of non-essential goods has been made by Welsh Government, not Public Health Wales. You would need to direct your query to them and can find their contact details here: [customerhelp@gov.wales](mailto:customerhelp@gov.wales)
If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2HH

Telephone: 029 2067 8400
Email: wales@ico.org.uk