### Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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**Information Requested:**

To inform the investigation I would be grateful if "Public Health Wales" could now provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. The specific statutory powers used under emergency legislation, or public health legislation, to close these schools and businesses.
2. A copy of the legal notice served on the schools and businesses. A copy of a single typical notice will suffice. Any personal data can be redacted to comply with the data management principles set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR.
3. Confirmation of the "Amplification Cycle Threshold [C t]" value used in the "Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction [R T - P C R]" tests undertaken in South Ceredigion / North Pembrokeshire, resulting in the closure decision.
4. Copy of the evidence available to "Public Health Wales" of the "super-spreader" events referred to.
5. The assessment by "Public Health Wales" of the implications, for the testing programme in Wales, of the Portuguese Appeal Court judgement 11 November 2020 regarding the validity of the R T - P C R test for the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 virus. A summary of the court findings is attached for your information.
6. Confirmation whether the false positive results generated by the R T - P C R test is included in the raw data provided to the "Office for National Statistics" and published as "new Covid 19 Cases" in daily news bulletins by the British Broadcasting Corporation [BBC].
I look forward to receiving the information at your earliest convenience. Thank you for cooperating with the investigation.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

I am writing to inform you that request for information about received on 23rd November will not be processed.

I have decided that I must regard your request as vexatious within the meaning of Section 14[1] of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am not obliged to respond to such requests and in accordance with Section 17 of the FOIA this letter acts as a refusal notice.

Having considered your request, and taking full account of the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and the Information Commissioner’s guidance on dealing with such requests, I have made the decision to treat these requests as vexatious and so under Section 14(1) FOIA, your request for information is refused.

Please note that any further requests of a similar nature will also be treated as vexatious and as permitted under the FOIA you will not receive any response.

The reasons that I have decided that your request is vexatious refers to my assessment of the request and its impact. I am not in any way, by using this term suggesting that I regard you as vexatious or that I consider you were unreasonable to make the request.

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
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2HH

Telephone: 029 2067 8400

Email: wales@ico.org.uk