



ATISN 14030

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Dear Tyler Jenkins

ATISN 14030 – ‘Five Mile’ Travelling Guidance

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 05 June. I have interpreted your request as follows:

- *Information regarding the ‘five mile’ travelling guidelines as outlined by the Welsh Government, following its recent review of Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions.*

Guidance to help people understand the latest changes to the laws restricting people’s movements in Wales has been published on the Welsh Government website

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance#section-39237>

We also have published the following guidance <https://gov.wales/guidance-staying-local-and-gatherings-coronavirus> that confirms “The law deliberately does not define “local” as it can mean different things in different circumstances (see below).

Welsh legislation imposing coronavirus restrictions as discussed in the FAQs

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-legislation-and-guidance-law> and “What can’t I do?: The [legal requirement](#) is that you can’t leave your local area without a reasonable excuse.”

You may also be interested in the following links:

<https://gov.wales/chief-medical-officer-statement-21-day-review-28-may-2020>

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-05/technical-advisory-cell-advice-summary-19-may-2020.pdf>

For more information provided by the [Technical Advisory Cell](#) and weekly update summaries.

- *Copies of any correspondence between Welsh Government Ministers regarding this guidance, and copies of any correspondence between Welsh Ministers and the Chief Medical Officer for Wales regarding the guidance.*

Welsh Government does not hold copies of correspondence that falls into scope of this request. However, the First Minister and Minister for Health and Social Services meet regularly with the CMO and Chief Scientific Adviser for Health where discussions regarding travel restrictions would have been raised.

There had been discussions/communication between the CMO and Ministers prior to the production of this guidance, however there is no formal correspondence recorded.

A consensus statement produced by the Technical Advisory Cell (TAC) on the impact of the 'five mile' travelling guidelines will be made publicly available in the near future.

<https://gov.wales/cabinet-meeting-7-may-2020-html>
<https://gov.wales/cabinet-meetings>

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,



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