Reference:	FOI.8277.22
Subject:	Informed Consent for the COVID-19 vaccines
Date of Request:	16 February 2022

## Requested:

I am writing in relation to the Covid-19 vaccination programme carried out across Wales.

You have a responsibility to ensure all NHS Wales staff, GP's and vaccinators under your authority were/are aware of their legal obligation to obtain fully Informed Consent from patients before administering Covid-19 vaccinations.

Under Freedom of information, please can you supply the following:

 What advice to date have you given to all NHS Wales staff, GP practices and vaccinators under your area of authority, in relation to obtaining fully Informed Consent from patients before administering Covid-19 vaccines?

## Specifically:

- Were patients routinely informed of the individual risk that Covid-19 posed to them, for their particular age group?
- Were patients routinely informed that these vaccines are still part of an ongoing trial until 2023?
- Were patients routinely informed that these vaccines were authorised for emergency use only?
- Were patients routinely informed that these mRNA vaccines have never before been used on human beings?
- Were patients routinely informed that the vaccine manufacturers currently all have immunity from liability for any adverse events and death?
- Were patients routinely informed there is no medium to long term safety data for these vaccines?
- Were patients routinely informed it is not known how these vaccines affect fertility or the reproductive system, especially in younger people?
- Were patients routinely informed of the constituent components / ingredients of the vaccines they received?
- Were patients routinely informed they can still catch and spread Covid-19 after vaccination?
- Were patients routinely made aware of the Yellow Card data for these vaccines, which shows a disturbingly high number of serious injuries and deaths compared to all other vaccines combined over the last 30 years?
- Exactly what other Informed Consent if any was given/obtained, relating to the risks and benefits of these vaccines?

## Response:

As this information is already within the public domain, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means.

The UHB operates in accordance with Public Health Wales (PHW) guidance. PHW has produced a COVID-19 Vaccination training programme for Informed Consent, which is available online.

For ease of reference, please click on the hyperlink below, which will take you directly to the PHW's PowerPoint presentation:

https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjl3tCc-Mf2AhWJfMAKHZeND8UQFnoECAcQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fphw.nhs.wales
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