



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Dinsmore,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI 1236130**

Thank you for your request dated 25 June 2020 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

***Subject: Freedom of Information request - Analysis of Pillar 2 tests sent out per day - delivered and outcomes***

***Please provide a CSV containing the following information, per day:***

- \* Number of Pillar 2 tests sent out delivered***
- \* Number of Pillar 2 tests sent out reporting a positive result***
- \* Number of Pillar 2 tests sent out reporting a negative result***
- \* Number of Pillar 2 tests sent out reporting an unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive result***

***To be clear, I do not want data from Pillar 2 In-person testing, only tests sent out - e.g. posted home swab testing kits.***

***If DHSC does not have this data please advise by return with a contact for the agency that does.***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC holds this information. However, as we will be publishing it at a future date, we are withholding it under section 22 of the FOIA (information to be published).

Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and we are required to assess as objectively as possible whether the balance of public interest favours disclosing or withholding the information. We recognise the general public interest in this data, and that disclosure leads to greater transparency in government. However, there is also a very strong public interest in ensuring that information is made available to everyone at the same time, thereby ensuring equity of access. For this reason, we have concluded that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs that in its release.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for a n internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to [FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk), or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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