



By email

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Our ref: 21/10/hf/1651

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Dear Steve Bryant,

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email dated 21 October 2020. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does not hold the information you have specified.

Request

I am requesting all documents and recorded information that phe has to prove that covid19/sars-cov-2 has been isolated.

By isolated I mean specifically;

The causative agent must be isolated from the diseased organism and grown in pure culture The cultured agent must cause the same disease when inoculated into a healthy susceptible organism.

The same causative agent must then be re-isolated from the inoculated diseased organism.

Response

PHE can confirm that it does not hold the information you have specified.

Under Section 16 of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. As previously advised, you may find the below link useful:

https://www.eurosurveillance.org/content/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2020.25.32.2001483#html_fulltext

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to us in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,
FOI Team