



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Frost,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1256671**

Thank you for your request dated 18 September 2020 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

***“Please can you advise what the percentage of false positive rate is wrt the current Covid tests?”***

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

DHSC does not hold the information you requested. We do not hold percentage figures for the false positive rate regarding current COVID-19 tests.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an 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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Yours sincerely,

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