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Dear Sandra Killman,

Re: Statistical evidence correlating COVID with ethnicity, given the latter is not recorded on death certificates

Thank you for your email dated 2 June 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 hold the information you have specified.

Your Request

Please email me the statistical evidence correlating COVID with ethnicity, given the latter isn't recorded on death certificates, whilst age, occupation, gender, cause of death..are.

ONS guessed from surnames using linear regression from 2011 census.

Response

PHE can confirm it does hold this information. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is *reasonably accessible by other means*, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance.

Accordingly, we have provided the link to the information requested which can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-understanding-the-impact-on-bame-communities>

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to 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