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Dear Sandra Killman,

Re: Evidence that BAME are more likely to die of COVID-19

Thank you for your email dated 1 July 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 let me have your evidence that BAME are more likely to die of Covid given ethnicity isn't recorded on a death certificate.

Response

PHE have noted that you made a similar request on the 2 June 2020. We provided a response to that request under case reference 476 and attach a copy of our response for your convenience.

PHE can confirm it does hold the information you have specified. 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. However for your convenience we have included the following links to the two published reports, entitled 'Disparities on the risk and outcomes of COVID-19' and 'Beyond the data: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups' for your convenience:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/892085/disparities_review.pdf

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

As a point of clarification, PHE would like to advise you the above reports reviewed existing data (*at the time of the reports*) on the disparities, risks, outcomes and impact from COVID-19 in relation to confirmed cases and deaths of Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups.

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