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Bartholomeus Lakeman

(By email only: request-666330-641ae299@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Bartholomeus Lakeman

Cabinet Office Internal Review Reference: IR2020/08461
(Original Case Reference: FOI2020/06375)

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2020. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information of 21 May 2020. In your request you asked for information on Covid-19.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and I consider that our original response was incorrect. The Cabinet Office held relevant material, which lies in the public domain, at the time of your request. I am therefore applying Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, and you can find links to the relevant materials provided.

For further materials or information, you may wish to contact Public Health England (PHE).

I have considered the points you make about independent scientists, and it should be noted that Government policy is not informed by individuals, but by the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). SAGE is responsible for ensuring that timely, coordinated scientific advice is available to support decision making at Cabinet Office Briefing Room (COBR) meetings.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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Eirian Walsh Atkins