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Dear Mr/Ms Crush,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1212565

Thank you for your request dated 23 March, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Dear Department of Health and Social Care.

As of 9am on 23 March 2020, a total of 83,945 people have been tested for coronavirus. Please provide a clear breakdown of how many tested were staff, how many were NHS patients and how many were private.

Yours faithfully"

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

The DHSC does not hold the information you requested. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject.

However, you may wish to contact NHS England, which may hold information relevant to your request. The contact details are:

NHS England PO Box 16738 Redditch B97 9PT

Tel: 0300 3 11 22 33

Email: england.contactus@nhs.net

Website: https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi

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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 Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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