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Dear Mr Winder,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1261786

Thank you for your request dated 8 October, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“Specification of AP and previous recognition criteria for COVID-19.

I want the specification of the AP previous recognition facilities (by date) of COVID 19.

In program format this would consist of a series of Ifs (“ If this is so”, “If that is so”, the client is said to have COVID-19...

Where bio-chemistry details are specified, I want the scientific nomenclature to be used.

For each IF clause, I would like a reference to be made to its testing in the normal scientific testing – with at least 1000 participants, half of whom should be Placebos, the scientist in charge of that test and the date of that test.

By “previous recognition facilities”, I would like the specification done through the Test and Trace system.

If the department of health has delegated this to some other company or the NHS, I would like the name of company, and how I may get this information from them.

Remember I am asking for the decision-making specification, not statistics.”

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

The Department may hold information relevant to your request. However, we are unable to begin processing your request without further clarification.

Under Section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, an authority is not obliged to comply with an FOI request when it reasonably requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested.

I would therefore be grateful if you would please describe the recorded information that you are requesting in order that we may be able to begin the process of investigating your request.

Please note that I cannot guarantee that any exemptions under the FOI Act will not apply to any further information requested.

Yours sincerely,

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