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Dear J Grove,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 4 November 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for:

What is the most recently recorded false positive rate for the real time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) COVID-19 test that is used to test the people living in Scotland?

Response to your request

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for as this information is not held by the Scottish Government.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

Although we do not hold the information you have requested it may interest you to know that there is a reflex testing procedure in place for Scotland which was put in place to reduce the likelihood of false positive results as outlined in the Public Health Scotland COVID-19 guidance for sampling and

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laboratory investigations which can be found here: <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-guidance-for-sampling-and-laboratory-investigations/>

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Richard Foggo, Director of the COVID-19 Public Health Directorate, Scottish Government, St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG covid-19.director@gov.scot. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 40 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.>

Yours sincerely

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