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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information Requested:

Dear Public Health Wales,

All records in the possession , custody or control of Public Health Wales describing the the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient , where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells)

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
- the sequencing of something.

To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of Public Health Wales (for example:downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.).

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the PHW or that pertain to work done by the PHW. My request includes any sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study that the NRC has downloaded or printed.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it)."

## **Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales has not produced any of the above mentioned material. Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are not obliged to provide you with any documentation that is available in the public domain.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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Churchill House  
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