
Dir Public Health Brighton re Ebola virus Fw: Freedom of Information request (ref: 9511017)

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On Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 17:26, Brighton and Hove City Council <foicases@mail.brighton-hove.gov.uk> wrote:



Freedom of Information request
Our reference: 9511017

Dear Von Hobbs

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 October 2021.

Please find attached our response to your request.

Should you wish to contact us again regarding this request, please do not edit the subject line when replying to this email. If you change this it will take us longer to identify the request that you are corresponding about and will delay us in responding to you.


Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team


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2 attachments

 **Response (not held).pdf**
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South East Brighton UA – Alistair Hill.pdf

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Von Hobbs

FOI Reference: **9511017**
Email: foicases@mail.brighton-hove.gov.uk
Date: 28 October 2021

Dear Von Hobbs

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information to Brighton & Hove City Council ('the council') that was received on 21 October 2021. We have now processed your request and our response is below.

Your request:

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports and/or records in the possession, custody or control of the addressed body corporate describing the purification (i.e. via filtration and ultracentrifugation and chromatography) of any "Ebola virus" said to have caused disease in humans (i.e. the "Ebola virus", "Sudan virus", "Taï Forest virus", "Bundibugyo virus"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased man, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum, liver cancer cells, lung cells from a lung cancer patient) and also studies and/or reports and/or records in the possession, custody or control of the addressed body corporate and proving a causation between the "virus" and the suspected infectious disease.

Please note that I am using 'purification' in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. Please note that I am not requesting records/studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" (separate the alleged 'virus' from everything thing else in the patient sample) and instead:-

- ☐ ***cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or***
- ☐ ***performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or***
- ☐ ***fabricated a genome based on PCR-detected sequences in the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or***

□ produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things in a cell culture.

Clarification of Request

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a 'virus' requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a 'virus' without host cells.

Further, I am not requesting private patient information, or records that describe a suspected 'virus' floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere.

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

Our response:

In processing your request we liaised with colleagues within Public Health as they would hold the information in relation to your request were this information to be held by the council.

We can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by the council.

The council does not hold any documents describing the purification of Ebolavirus.

Please quote the reference number **9511017** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an Internal Review. Internal Review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to:

foicases@mail.brighton-hove.gov.uk

or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the Internal Review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

We will now close your request as of this date.

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