

Subject **Information request (ref: 2161889)**
From Courtenay <Courtenay@manx.net>
To Christine Massey <christinem@fluoridefreepeel.ca>
Date 2022-01-19 04:58 AM



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Date: 19 January 2022 at 09:09:19 GMT
To: courtenay@manx.net
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Dear Mr Adam-lawrence

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 December 2021.

Please find attached our response to your request.

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Dear Mr Adam-Lawrence

We write further to your request which was received on 23 December 2021 and which states:

"1) Please provide a whole genomic identification of the omicron strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, not a partial sequence

2) Please confirm test procedures to identify an omicron virus and the method statement of how it is purified and isolated

3) Please provide all evidence of omicron contagion in men and women

4) Please confirm that the omicron strain has a unique sequence and was obtained from saliva, mucus, blood or urine from a man, woman or animal.

5) Please confirm that omicron is not an in silico computer made up model of a strain of a virus

thank you,"

Our response:

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Department of Health and Social Care ('the Department') is unable to provide the information that you have requested. This is in line with Section 11(3)a of the Act, as a practical refusal reason applies; namely we do not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested as it may be held by **Manx Care**.

You may wish to re-submit your request to **Manx Care** which is an option available on the Freedom of Information request portal, who may be able to help you. To provide advice and assistance, the Department of Health and Social Care redesigned on 1 April 2021 as a direct result of Sir Jonathan Michael's Independent Review of the Isle of Manx Health and Care System. This Review continues to be a catalyst for change and improved service provision.

The redesigned Department ensures the separation between the setting of policy and strategy and the delivery of services by Manx Care.

Please quote the reference number 2161889 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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