
please forward the FOI response that you say I refuse to publish?

Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 7:25 PM

To: c.g.w.smythe@sheffield.ac.uk

Carl,

A friend sent me your tweets. I do recall your name and U of Sheffield, but cannot find related files or emails. I've had computer issues at times, so it's possible I've lost some files.

I have nothing to hide. So please forward the response that you claim I'm hiding.

While you're at it, please also send or cite the valid scientific studies that - in your mind - first established the existence of "the virus"?

You have misrepresented myself and the FOIs on twitter. The worldwide collection is right there on my website for anyone to see, and I have explained the request over and over again in interviews and on social media.

You tweeted:

As viruses ONLY grow in cells, and the verification methods requested require large quantities of virus, of course she received that answer. But she never reveals this, claiming mendaciously, that institutions do not "have the virus".

My requests had nothing to do with an alleged "virus" **growing**, so this comment is irrelevant and misleading.

Do you claim that "viruses" are destroyed upon leaving a cell? If so, please explain how a "virus" could travel from one cell to another, or fly through the air, or rest on a countertop and then infect another host.

If "the virus" existed as claimed, there should be many, many copies of "it" in an "infected host". The notion that a purported "virus" wouldn't get enough of a chance to grow in a sick person - a walking cell culture - and thus would need a chance to replicate further in a (typically non-host monkey kidney) cell line is ridiculous.

And even after creating their monkey/cow/human/bacteria/fungi cell culture concoctions, virologists still don't follow through with valid methods to demonstrate the existence of a replicating, transmissible disease agent. Virology is pseudoscience by definition.

I suggest you read my article **Response to gaslighting about the "virus" isolation/purification FOI requests** so as to be better-informed of what you communicate:

<https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/response-to-gaslighting-about-my-foi-requests/>

Freedom of Information Responses reveal that health/science institutions around the world (212 and counting!) have no record of SARS-COV-2 (the alleged covid virus) isolation/purification, anywhere, ever:

<https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/fois-reveal-that-health-science-institutions-around-the-world-have-no-record-of-sars-cov-2-isolation-purification/>

4/27/23, 6:24 PM

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FOIs reveal that health/science institutions have no record of any “virus” having been found in a host and isolated/purified. Because virology isn’t a science:

<https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/fois-reveal-that-health-science-institutions-have-no-record-of-any-virus-having-been-isolated-purified-virology-isnt-a-science/>

Do virologists perform valid control experiments? Is virology a science? <https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/do-virologists-perform-valid-control-experiments-is-virology-a-science/>

Cheers,
Christine

follow up: the FOI response that you say I refuse to publish?

Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 2, 2023 at 3:44 PM

To: c.g.w.smythe@sheffield.ac.uk

Hi Carl,

I see you're also claiming the following on twitter

*2/2 Ms Massey tried to get my institution via a FOI request to declare that it did not have any proven SARS-Cov2 virus samples. **Unfortunately for her, we do.** Poor Christine.*

#daftasabrush

<https://twitter.com/carlsmythe/status/1641557750915256320>

My FOIs are not merely asking institutions if they themselves have samples. I've asked for any record they have of anyone on Earth obtaining pure samples from sick people. No one has been able to provide or cite any such study.

If you or someone else at University of Sheffield actually has such a record, the world needs to know.

Therefore, I ask/challenge you to send me, or publish, a record describing how these alleged proven SARS-COV-2 samples were obtained and shown to be "the virus".

Be sure to include details of all substances used in both your experimental and control arms, including all amounts/concentrations.

If control experiments weren't performed to prove disease causation and transmission, then be sure to also include the studies that you and your colleagues have relied upon for such.

Best wishes,
Christine



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Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 7:43 PM

To: Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Cc: c.g.w.smythe@sheffield.ac.uk, William Huston <williamahuston@gmail.com>

March 31, 2023

Freedom of Information
University Secretary's Office
The University of Sheffield,
12 Bolsover Street,
Sheffield,
S3 7AN

sent via email to: foi@sheffield.ac.uk

This is a formal requirement for records, as per your duty under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Description of Records1. All Freedom of Information-related emails (including attachments) between cmssyc@gmail.com and:

- foi@sheffield.ac.uk
- any other Freedom of Information email addresses at the University

and

2. any/all letters mailed out from the University of Sheffield in response to a FOI request from cmssyc@gmail.com

in the custody/possession/control of the University of Sheffield.

Note re Publicly Available Records:

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please assist me by providing enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty; provide URLs where possible.

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; do not ship anything to me;

Contact Information:email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes,

4/27/23, 12:41 PM

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Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 6:38 AM

To: "Christine, of the Massey family" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Christine

Thank you for your request for Freedom of Information request, made to the University of Sheffield.

You requested:

1. All Freedom of Information-related emails (including attachments) between cmssyc@gmail.com and:

- foi@sheffield.ac.uk
- **any other Freedom of Information email addresses at the University**

and**2. any/all letters mailed out from the University of Sheffield in response to a FOI request from cmssyc@gmail.com****in the custody/possession/control of the University of Sheffield.**

Under section 40(5B)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act, we can neither confirm nor deny whether the University of Sheffield holds "*Freedom of Information-related emails* [...] between cmssyc@gmail.com and foi@sheffield.ac.uk".

This is because disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is 'to the world', rather than limited to one individual requester, and it would not be fair to confirm 'to the world' whether we hold correspondence from a named individual in most instances. If we were to do so, this would in itself involve disclosure of personal information, and would contravene the data protection principle that processing is fair and lawful.

If you wish to receive copies of emails sent to or from you, we would instead process this request under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018, as this concerns your personal data, rather than the Freedom of Information Act. A request for your personal data is called a 'subject access request' or SAR. You can find further information on our website here: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/govern/data-protection/subject-access-requests>. In order to do this, we would require a copy of your ID sent to dataprotection@sheffield.ac.uk. I hope this is clear, but please let me know if you have any questions.

If you are not satisfied with the University's response to your FOI request, please see details of our internal review process [here](#), including details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office for an independent review.

Best wishes

Elspeth

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Elspeth Summerfield

Assistant Data Protection Officer

4/27/23, 12:42 PM

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Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 8:51 AM

To: Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Hi Elspeth,

Thanks for your response. The cmssyc@gmail.com email address is mine (as you can tell from the fact that I'm using it right now), but to simplify things, I will alter the request to:

Description of Records

1. All Freedom of Information-related emails (including attachments) **on the topic of purification of the alleged "SARS-COV-2" from clinical samples**

and

2. any/all letters mailed out from the University of Sheffield **in response to FOI requests on that topic,**

in the custody/possession/control of the University of Sheffield.

Timeframe:

June 2020 - June 2022

Note re Publicly Available Records:

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please assist me by providing enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty; provide URLs where possible.

Format:

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Thanks, best wishes,
Christine

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Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 12:26 PM

To: "Christine, of the Massey family" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Christine

Thank you for your revised request for information from the University of Sheffield.

Please see attached the emails sent in response to Freedom of Information requests on the topic of the 'purification of the alleged "SARS-COV-2" from clinical samples'. Please note that a small amount of information has been redacted from these emails with regard to section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for personal data, where this would contravene data protection principles. The information redacted includes names and email addresses.

Thank you for your interest in the University of Sheffield. If you are not satisfied with the University's response to your FOI request, please see details of our internal review process [here](#), including details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office for an independent review.

Best wishes

Elspeth

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Elspeth Summerfield

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FOI request re "SARS-COV-2" purification, Professor Carl Smythe / University of Sheffield

To: foi@sheffield.ac.uk

24 March 2021 at 18:32

March 24, 2021

To:

Freedom of Information
University Secretary's Office
The University of Sheffield,
[12 Bolsover Street](#),
Sheffield,
S3 7AN

Email: foi@sheffield.ac.uk

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Freedom of Information Act, 2000*.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies or reports **in the possession, custody or control of University of Sheffield Professor Carl Smythe (Cell Biology), or any health or science department / administrator at the University of Sheffield** describing the purification of "SARS-COV-2" aka "COVID-19 virus" (including any "variants") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, 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).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- sequenced 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.

Clarifications re the above Request

For 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 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 small things).

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by someone at the University of Sheffield or that pertain to work done at/by the University of Sheffield. Rather, my request includes any record **matching the above description**, for example (but not limited to) a published peer-reviewed study (authored by anyone, anywhere) that has been downloaded or printed by a scientist or administrator at the University of Sheffield and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".

An appropriate time-frame for the records search would be from the date of the first "COVID-19 cases" in China until the day on which the records search is commenced.

Please note that to my knowledge no such records exist, and I am unable to access records that to my knowledge do not exist. Therefore, if any records matching the above description of requested records are in the possession, custody or control of Professor Smythe or any **health or science** department or administrator at the University of Sheffield and are currently available to the public, 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.

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

[Redacted contact information]

Thank you in advance and best wishes,

[Redacted signature]



FOI request re "SARS-COV-2" purification, Professor Carl Smythe / University of Sheffield

Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

20 April 2021 at 09:18

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

We have considered your FOI request and estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request without exceeding the appropriate limit set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

We have 5,114 researchers, 609 technicians and 2,011 administrators. If each spent 10-20 minutes examining their downloads and printouts for records matching the description you outlined, since "the date of the first 'COVID-19 cases' in China", this would entail 1,289-2,578 hours of work.

Section 12 allows public authorities to refuse requests which exceed the appropriate limit. For the University, this is the equivalent of one person spending 18 hours establishing whether the information is held, as well as locating, retrieving, and extracting it.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are happy to look at ways in which you can refine your request in order to have access to some of the information you have requested. If you would like to look at refining your request please contact the Data Protection team on foi@sheffield.ac.uk

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

On Wed, 24 Mar 2021 at 18:32, [REDACTED] > wrote:

March 24, 2021

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FOI request re "SARS-COV-2" purification, Professor Carl Smythe / University of Sheffield

20 April 2021 at 14:05

To: Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Dear [REDACTED] and Data Protection team,

Thank you.

Please refine my request such that it is limited to: studies/reports relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" by:

- University of Sheffield Professor Carl Smythe (Cell Biology), and/or
- University of Sheffield policy-makers responsible for the University's "COVID-19" policies, and/or
- University of Sheffield President, and/or
- University of Sheffield Faculties, and/or
- University of Sheffield Vice-Chancellor, and/or
- University of Sheffield Senate, and/or
- University of Sheffield Officers, and/or
- University of Sheffield Executive Board, and/or
- University of Sheffield Council, and/or
- University of Sheffield Secretary

but otherwise the same as originally stated.

Thank you, best wishes,

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 4:18 AM Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk> wrote:

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March 24, 2021

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FOI request re "SARS-COV-2" purification, Professor Carl Smythe / University of Sheffield

Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

17 May 2021 at 12:22

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your updated Freedom of Information request, received on 20 April.

We have considered your request carefully, and feel that the scope of the request remains too great for the University to comply with within the 18 hour limit. We must therefore engage Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

*Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit
(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

We estimate that your request would involve approximately 130 individuals. As a conservative estimate, if each were to spend 3 minutes searching for and retrieving records that meet the scope of your request, this would take approximately 21 hours.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can consider ways you can refine your request so that we can search for the requested information.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 1:04 PM

To: Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Hi again Elspeth,

I was just reviewing the April 20, 2021 and May 17, 2021 responses that I was given to my original request. The April 20 letter states:

*Section 12 allows public authorities to refuse requests which exceed the appropriate limit. For the University, this is the equivalent of one person spending **18 hours** establishing whether the information is held, as well as locating, retrieving, and extracting it.*

The May 17 letter states:

*We estimate that your request would involve approximately **130 individuals**. As a conservative estimate, if each were to spend **3 minutes** searching for and retrieving records that meet the scope of your request, this would take approximately **21 hours**.*

I don't follow this logic. 130 x 3 minutes is 390 minutes. 390/60 = 6.5 hours, not 21. Was an error made in that response?

Thanks in advance.

Christine

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christine: massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

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Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 11:55 AM

To: "Christine, of the Massey family" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Christine

Thank you for your reply.

I've looked again at the calculation and I apologise that this is incorrect and that I did not pick this up at the time.

Using an estimate of just 3 minutes for each individual to check their records for 'studies/reports relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus"' would be unrealistic. In our response to your initial request, we outlined that it could take approximately 10-20 minutes for researchers, technicians and administrators to examine their downloads and printouts for records matching the description and within the timescale your outlined. If we used the same estimate for the refined request, for the time for the 130 or so individuals to examine their records, we would be looking at between approximately 21 and 43 hours of work.

Best wishes

Elspeth

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Elspeth Summerfield

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Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 12:15 PM

Hi Elspeth,

Ok thanks.

Could you please conduct a refined version of the search limited to:

University of Sheffield Professor Carl Smythe (Cell Biology), and
University of Sheffield policy-makers responsible for the University's "COVID-19" policies,

but otherwise the same as originally stated?

Best wishes,
Christine

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