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Thank you for your email of 4/9/20 where you requested the following information:

"All records in the possession, custody or control of the Government Office for Science describing 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; lung cells from a lung cancer patient).

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.*

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

Response

We do not hold the information you have requested. This information may be available from DHSC ([contact](#)) or PHE ([contact](#)).

Appeals procedure

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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to:

Government Office for Science Internal Reviews
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours Sincerely

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