



Mr Wynne Jones

By email to: cj-editor@biggeesblog.cymru

19 November 2021

Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1371874

Thank you for your request dated 3 November 2021, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“Thank you for your letter dated 3 November a copy of which is attached hereto. I regret any confusion. My previous explanatory note was provided in support of my request for information, as now clarified below.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with "a copy of any scientific evidence held by the DHSC confirming that the SARS-CoV-2 virus [purportedly the cause of Covid 19 infection] has been isolated, purified with its viral genome sequenced."

I would expect the information to be contained within a single peer-reviewed scientific paper held by the DHSC. I hope this helps to clarify the position. I fully accept that the statutory timeframe for reply commences when you are satisfied that you have received the necessary clarification. If you require additional information you are welcome to contact me at any time. Thank you.”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC does not hold the information you have requested. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact regarding this matter. However, you may wish to contact the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), which may hold information relevant to your request. UKHSA can be contacted via InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk.

However, outside of the scope of the FOIA, you may be interested in the following information.

The World Health Organization has compiled a comprehensive database of research information in relation to Coronavirus, which is available at the following link:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

You may also be aware that Go-Science regularly publishes the scientific evidence supporting the UK Government response to Covid-19 on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/government-office-for-science>

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely,

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