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Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1277606

Thank you for your request dated 28 November 2020 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“Covid 19 R T - P C R tests and Lateral Flow tests - False Positive Rate - Pillar 2 community screening

I refer to the above subject. An investigation into the validity of the R T - P C R test and Lateral Flow test has been initiated following the Portuguese Appeal Court judgement 11 November 2020. The Appeal Court concluded a probability of 97% false positive results from R T - P C R test based on the Amplification Cycle Threshold [C t] values used in European {including U K} and U S A laboratories. To inform the investigation I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.the operational false positive rate for the R T - P C R test in Pillar 2 community screening.the operational false positive rate for the Lateral Flow rapid test in Pillar 2 community screening.”

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

DHSC does not hold the information you requested.

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 submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely,

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