

Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

Subject: CJ 200 - Diagnostic test - Covid 19 Delta Variant

I refer to the above subject. I note from FOI 810 available in your archive log that extracts are taken from positive PCR test results and subjected to whole genome sequencing to identify which variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus was present in the test; with the analysis undertaken at a specialist Pathogen Genomics Unit in Wales, with capacity to sequence over 7,000 samples per week.

I would be grateful if you could clarify whether the positive PCR test results received at the specialist unit in Wales are based on the PCR test developed by Corman et al. Details of the diagnostic test was published on 23 January 2020 in Eurosurveillance Journal. A copy of the scientific paper is attached hereto for your convenience: entitled "*Detection of 2019 novel coronavirus [2019-nCoV] by real time RT-PCR*".

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. This information is not held by Public Health Wales, kit manufacturers do not share this information.

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