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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your email of 15/01/21 where you requested the following information:

1. *The computer model design parameters, and assumptions made resulting in a prediction of 4000 deaths per day, and*
2. *The NHS England computer model design parameters, and assumptions made in the model run from 28 October 2020.*

Response

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your original request.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and is based on information held.

Under FOIA, we are required under section 1(1)(a) to confirm or deny whether the information is held.

In response to **question 1**, we hold do hold this information, however, following careful consideration, we are refusing this under FOIA **Section 21**.

Exemption Section 21 –Information Reasonably Accessible Elsewhere-The information you have requested is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt from disclosure under **Section 21** of the Act. We are not required to provide information, which is already reasonably accessible to you, however, to assist with your request we have included links to the data and information that accompanied the October slides to which you are referring.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-31-october-2020>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/932369/Data to accompany slides presented by Chief Scientific Adviser 31 October 2020 2 .xlsx](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/932369/Data_to_accompany_slides_presented_by_Chief_Scientific_Adviser_31_October_2020_2.xlsx)

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In response to **question 2**. We do not hold this information. You may wish to try contacting The National Health Service (NHS) <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/> who may be able to help you with your request.

You may also wish to be aware that in the interests of transparency all evidence considered by SAGE and minutes of meetings are published on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response>

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:

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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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