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Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1359361

Thank you for your request dated 22 August, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Subject: C J 180: Coronavirus [Covid 19] - Antibody testing

I refer to the above subject and attach guidance published by DHSC on GOV.UK website 22 August. I note that different types of coronavirus antibody tests are available. I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information.

I would be pleased to receive technical information regarding the antibody test kits that are now to be used in the UK. A "Product Information Sheet" provided by the antibody test kit manufacturer will suffice if no other technical information is held by the DHSC."

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

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. However, as this information is in the public domain we will, under section 21 of the FOIA, refer you to the published source.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-laboratory-evaluations-of-serological-assays>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/989460/Evaluation_of_Roche_Elecsys_anti_SARS_CoV_2_S_assay_PHE.pdf

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The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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