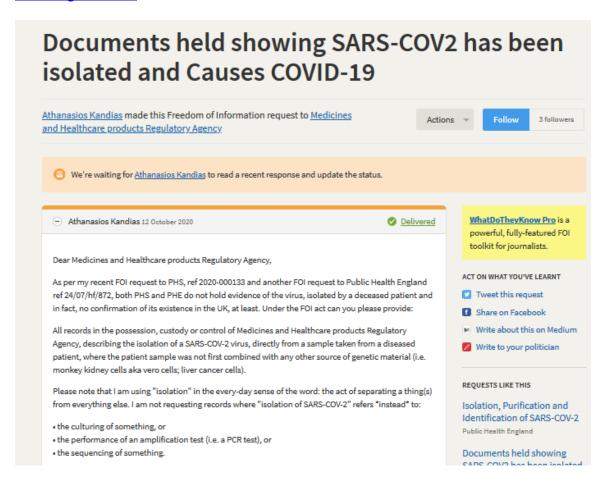
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Yours faithfully, Athanasios Kandias

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Our Ref: FOI 20/404 Dear Athanasios Kandias, RE: REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Thank you for your enquiry which we received on 12 October 2020. I confirm that your request is now being handled under the Freedom of Information Act and you should receive a reply within 20 working days from our date of receipt. If you need to contact us again about this request, please quote the reference number above. Kind Regards, MHRA Customer Service Centre Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 4PU Telephone 020 3080 6000 show quoted sections https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/documents_held_showing_sars_cov2_2#ii Link to this Report MHRA Customer Services, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency 5 November 2020

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Dear Athanasios Kandias,

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2020, in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000:

As per my recent FOI request to PHS, ref 2020-000133 and another FOI request to Public Health England ref 24/07/hf/872, both PHS and PHE do not hold evidence of the virus, isolated by a deceased patient and in fact, no confirmation of its existence in the UK, at least. Under the FOI act can you please provide:

All records in the possession, custody or control of Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased (we assume this is meant to say deceased as in sentence above) patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells). Response: There are no divisions in the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency working on isolation of viruses directly from patients, and we therefore hold no records describing this activity.

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers *instead* to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or the sequencing of something.

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Response: this request is for information that is already in the public domain and therefore exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act.

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If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire

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Yours sincerely

MHRA Customer Services