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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

<b>FOI Reference:</b>	<b>FOI 478</b>
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<b>Date information is due to be sent</b>	<b>17 November 2020</b>

### Information Requested:

I would be grateful if you can reply to my FOI request made to the Royal College of Pathologists below. This was forwarded to Kay Barrow of HEIW who, in turn, referred me to you.

I am seeking information in respect of pillar 2 covid PCR Testing under the NHS SOP issued by the RCPATH in respect of

- Number of tests conducted
- Number of presumptive positives out of these tests
- Number of confirmatory tests undertaken on these presumptive positives
- Number of confirmations recorded

If there is no information collected under the SOP I would be grateful for a response to that effect and to understand why the SOP is not applicable

### Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request for information. Public Health Wales does not separate testing into Pillar 1 or Pillar 2 etc. This is an English concept that is not used in Wales.

We also don't have 'presumptive' positives. We have validated all of the testing platforms used in PHW laboratories.

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