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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

FOI Reference:	FOI 485
Date request received	1st November 2020
Date information is due to be sent	23rd November 2020

Information Requested:

False positive rate of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR testing by laboratory.

I make this application in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I require Public Health Wales, as the public body responsible for SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR testing, to release the following information for Wales:

Firstly, in spreadsheet format:

Daily counts of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tests conducted by laboratory from 04/04/2020 to date

Daily counts of positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tests reported by laboratory from 04/04/2020 to date

Version of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test being used by laboratory

Location of laboratory (at town or city level)

Date	Laboratory	Location	Tests_Completed	Tests_Positive	Test_Version
04-04-2020	Anywhere NHS Trust	Anywhere	568	60	Test supplier
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Secondly, in spreadsheet format:

Rates of False Positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tests by laboratory including repeat ascertainment

Dates of ascertainment of False Positive Rates by laboratory

Sample size used in ascertainment

Or

A declaration that the laboratory's SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR False Positive rate is unknown

Date_Ascertained	Laboratory	False_+_Rate_Percent	Sample_Size
05-04-2020	Anywhere NHS Trust	3	400
06-05-2020	SomewhereLab	UNKNOWN	N/A
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Note that the information requested has no commercial or contractual value and is thus not covered by Part II Exempt Information, Section 43 of the Act and is of material interest in the direction of public policy and is thus not covered by Part II Exempt Information, Section 22A of the Act. A separate FOI application will be made to the DHSC with respect to the Perkins Elmer Lighthouse Lab Newport.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

Unfortunately, we do not hold the information requested. These cases are dealt with on an individual basis and the data around each case is not collated.

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