Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

Information Requested:

I would like to see:

All records in the possession, custody or control of Public Health Wales describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased 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).

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.

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the PHW or that pertain to work done by the PHW. My request includes any sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study that the PHW has downloaded or printed.

Please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it)."
Thank you for your recent request.

The information requested has been published within the public domain.

Information within the scope of this request has been made by other Freedom of Information requestors and our response can be viewed by accessing the Public Health Wales Disclosure Log at the link below:


I would refer you to request FOI 573 and FOI 487 for instance.

I hope that this information is of assistance.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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