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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Covid-19.

You asked:

Please provide me with freedom of information on the evidence that COVID-19 has been isolated (a pure sample containing no other genetic material other than COVID-19 i.e. just COVID-19).

Trust response:

As an acute Trust we do not have the facility to separate Covid genetic material from the rest of a nose and throat sample which will inevitably also contain genetic material from the patient and from other bacteria and viruses that may be in the patient's respiratory tract