

# Correspondence with UK Health Security re: FOIA request for emails between Maria Gambon and Marion Koopmans, 1 October 2019 and 31 January 2020.

August 2025 - October 2025

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On 27 August 2025, I submitted the following request to UK Health Security Agency:

Dear FOI Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following records:

Emails sent to and/or from **Maria Zambon** and **Marion Koopmans** between 1 October 2019 and 31 January 2020.

As I understand it, Maria Zambon, was, at the relevant time, employed by Public Health England (PHE). Since PHE has since been subsumed into the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), I am addressing this request to you on the assumption that UKHSA is the correct authority to fulfil it. If not, please redirect my request to the appropriate body.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Jessica Hockett, PhD

I am a citizen of the United States of America

Zambon and Koopmans are both authors on the Corman-Drosten "test" protocol for nCoV-2019. <sup>1</sup>

Berlin, 13.01.2020

## **Diagnostic detection of Wuhan coronavirus 2019 by real-time RT-PCR**

-Protocol and preliminary evaluation as of Jan 13, 2020-

Victor Corman, Tobias Bleicker, Sebastian Brünink, Christian Drosten  
Charité Virology, Berlin, Germany

Olfert Landt, Tib-Molbiol, Berlin, Germany

Marion Koopmans  
Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Maria Zambon  
Public Health England, London

Additional advice by Malik Peiris, University of Hong Kong

Koopmans is a virologist at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam, Netherlands, and can be seen in this video with Ron Fouchier:



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### **UKHSA reply (automatic), 27 August 2025**

Dear Jessica Hockett,

Thank you for your request which will be handled by the Information Rights Team at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). We acknowledge receipt of your email and request for information, which will be treated as a request for information under statutory access legislation.

Please note that requests under the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) will receive a response within 20 working days from the day following the date of receipt of your request.

If the request is for your personal data, your request will be handled as a data subject access request (SAR) under Article 15 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), then we will respond within one month of the receipt of the request.

We will aim to address all requests promptly and within the required response timeframes. However, when we are unable to meet the response timeframe, we will keep requesters updated on a revised expected timescale for a response to their

request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Team

Parliamentary and Public Accountability Team

UK Health Security Agency

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**25 September 2025, request for status update:**

Good day.

I believe it has been 20 working days since this request was acknowledged.

May I have an update on the status?

Regards,

Jessica Hockett

## 23 October 2025, request for status update:

**Sent:** 23 October 2025 18:19

**To:** Complaints <[Complaints@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:Complaints@ukhsa.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: 371 Re: FOI request

Good day.

As indicated by the below chain of emails, on 27 August 2025 (nearly 2 months ago) I submitted a request for information pursuant to the FOIA.

When twenty (20) working days passed, I requested an update on the status of my request but received no reply from UKHSA.

I hereby ask that the failure to satisfactorily handle my request be formally investigated as a complaint and that the recipient of this email please acknowledge receipt.

Regards,

Jessica Hockett

## 27 October 2025 response

**From:** Complaints <[Complaints@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:Complaints@ukhsa.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** **OFFICIAL: HCOM0092 Your email to the UK Health Security Agency**

**Date:** October 27, 2025 at 12:08:23 PM CDT

**To:** Jessica Hockett

Dear Jessica Hockett,

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2025 to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) regarding the delay in receiving a response to your FOI request.

Please accept our sincere apologies on behalf of the Information Rights team at UKHSA. Unfortunately, the team has faced significant and prolonged resourcing issues, in addition to high case volumes which have regrettably led to a huge impact on lead response times. Under normal circumstances the team provides an exceptional service, but this simply has not been possible with the team working extremely hard in difficult circumstances to complete casework. Please be assured that remedial action is underway to mitigate the situation and bring the service back to its usual high standard of compliance.

We fully recognise the impact this has had on your case, and we are very sorry for the frustration and inconvenience caused.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you may refer your concerns to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO). The PHSO makes final decisions on complaints that have not been resolved by the NHS in England and UK government departments and other public organisations, including UKHSA. Their service is free. You can find more information on how to refer a complaint to the PHSO at their website

<https://www.ombudsman.org.uk/> or by contacting their Helpline in the first instance on 0345 015 4033.

Yours sincerely,

**Lauren**

Complaints Team

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extremely hard in difficult circumstances to complete casework. Please be assured that remedial action is underway to mitigate the situation and bring the service back to it's usual high standard of compliance.

*Typo with "it's" is UKHSA's (ironic) error.*

I replied to the above email yesterday with a simple request about when I can expect a response about the records I asked for.



**Ukhsa Emails Aug 2025 Oct 2025**

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1 **Related articles:** Hockett, J., & Engler, J. (2025, February 19). ["Did the Corman-Drosten Protocol 'rely on social media reports' to seek \(& then find\) SARS-CoV-2?"](#) *Wood House 76*. | Hockett, J., & Engler, J. (2025, August 25). ["It's time for all 22 authors of the Corman-Drosten Review Report to confront 'social media science'"](#) *Wood House 76*. / Hockett, J. (2025, September 3). ["Yes, Corman-Drosten et al designed a test based on a rumor."](#) *Wood House76*.

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