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Dear Sir or Madam,

Freedom of Information requests

First request: Please tell me how many UK pandemic / epidemic simulation exercises were carried out with Public Health England (PHE)'s participation between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019 which modelled responses to outbreaks of infectious diseases at national or regional level.

Second request: For each exercise as defined in my first request, please tell me (a) the operational name of the exercise, (b) the infectious disease being modelled, (c) the month and year of the exercise, and (d) whether Public Health England holds a copy of the main report summarising the findings of the exercise.

If the above-stated formulation of my second request falls under a section 12 exemption, then please provide me with (a), (b), (c) and (d) for UK pandemic / epidemic simulation exercises carried out with PHE's participation between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019 which modelled responses to outbreaks of infectious diseases at national level. If this further refinement remains under a section 12 exemption, then please provide me with (a), (b), (c) and (d) for UK pandemic / epidemic simulation exercises carried out with PHE's participation between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019 which modelled responses to outbreaks of viral infectious diseases at national level.

For your ease, I present two examples of the level of detail I am requesting:

- Exercise Cygnet, Influenza, August 2016, Yes
- Exercise Typhon, Viral Haemorrhagic Fever, February 2017, Yes

Third request: Please send me copies of the main reports held by Public Health England which summarise the findings of Exercise Cygnet and Exercise Typhon.

Please consider each request on its own merits and state relevant FOI exemptions for each request separately. If you find that any request falls under a section 12 exemption then please provide advice for that individual request as per section 16 and the section 45 code of practice.

Yours faithfully,

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