

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using for the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at any time for whatever reason.  
[We do not complete PCR testing within our Trust we are a Mental Health Community Services Trust](#)
2. I would also like to know how many children under the age of 16 have been logged as a death from SARSCoV2 without any underlying health issues.  
[The Trust only provides CAMHS inpatient services \(which is the only wards that take under 16's\) and can confirm that it has not had any reported CAMHS inpatient deaths for under 16's](#)
3. In addition, can you please tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates.  
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4. Furthermore, could you give me the number of deaths whereby Covid is the sole cause of death listed, there were no other pre-existing conditions or comorbidities noted on the death certificate, covering the period from March 2020 until the present date. If the answer is any, are you able to provide me with the average age of the deceased?  
[It is not possible to provide this information from the Trust electronic systems. To collate this information would require a clinical audit which would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act \(where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit\).](#)  
  
[However the Trust can give assurance that it is reporting the deaths as per the national CPNS \(Covid-19 Patient Notification System\) guidance as required and can confirm from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> April inclusive there have been a total of 45 Covid-19 related deaths \(either direct or indirect cause\) on our inpatient wards](#)
5. I would also like the number of cycles you run your PCR tests on normally as well as the number of cycles that you are running for PCR tests where the patient/recipient is known to have been vaccinated with one of the available Covid jabs.  
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6. If there is any difference in the number of cycles being used in relation to the patient's vaccination status please could you explain why?  
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**Applied Exemption:**

**Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):**

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
  - (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
  - (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
  - (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
    - (a) by one person, or
    - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them
  - (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated
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