

Freedom of Information Request

- 1. I would be obliged if you could advise me how many cycles the Trust is running as standard on the PCR tests?**

There are several assays and platforms in use in the NHSCT for molecular testing of SARS CoV2. The total number of PCR cycles for each of those assays is set by manufacturers and there is no deviation from that. Standard PCRs, which mostly employ Taqman chemistry, including SARS CoV2 assays are usually 40 cycles of PCR

- 2. Can you also please advise how many deaths were due to Covid-19 as the sole cause of death and no other co-morbidities were listed on the death certificate (from March 2020 to date)?**

Total of 7 people from March 2020 – July 2021.