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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 the Ct (Cycle Threshold) being used for PCR testing of SARS Covid-19.

*You asked:*

*I would like to know the Ct (Cycle Threshold) being used for PCR testing of Sars Covid at the moment and in the past.*

Trust response:

Please note: the test only gives CT value if positive  
During times of low prevalence (like at the moment) a CT of <25 is positive

During times of high prevalence then <28 is positive. And we would test any sample with a CT of greater than 25 with a second test.