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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 SARSCoV2.

You asked:

- 1. I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at any time for whatever reason.*
- 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.*
- 3. And can you also tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates.*

Trust response:

1. 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. The Trust would test any sample with a CT of greater than 25 with a second test.
2. The Trust has not had any inpatients under the age of 16 who died with a Covid diagnosis
3. No. This is not something a routine laboratory would do.