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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015750 - Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on the PCR [Polymerase Chain Reaction] test as a standard, and if that number has ever been changed at any time for whatever reason.

- The Trust is now part of the Black Country Pathology Services so this question will need to be sent to them to be answered. The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGFT) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The BCPS will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the partnership. Your request will need to be forwarded to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust rwtr.FOI@nhs.net

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.

- To see previous responses on deaths with no underlying conditions please go to the Freedom of Information disclosure log and in the search box type 015724

And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates. - Not from the Trust.

- This would either be Public Health England or Black Country Pathology Services (please see response to question 1