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Dear Requester

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you once again for your request under the Freedom of Information Act. For ease of reference I am attaching your original questions:

Please can you give me the number of deaths whereby Covid is the sole cause of death listed and no other pre-existing conditions or comorbidities were noted on the death certificate covering the period from March 2020 until the present day. – 21.

I would also like the number of cycles you run as standard on PCR tests, - this depends on a number of factors, including what the test is for and what the starting material is, ie genomic DNA or RNA or nucleic acids extracted from formalin fixed paraffin blocks, in general the number of cycles is between 35-40

and would like to know if the number of cycles run ever differs in relation to the recipients/patients recent covid vaccination status, ie do you run the same, more or less cycles if the recipients/patient has undergone any of the available covid vaccinations. If this is the case then please can you provide an explanation. - All COVID PCRs are run for 40 cycles regardless.

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Commissioner for a decision on whether your application has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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