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2nd July 2021

Date request received: 29/06/2021
Our Ref: 21FOI170

request-769294-e22c98ea@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Toni Ives

Date request received: 29/06/2021
Disclosure due date: 27/07/2021
Disclosure date: 02/07/2021

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Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 – Response

We are writing with the Trust's response to your FOI request above.

For organisational context

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. For more information about the Trust please see our website: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/about-us> and Trust contact details are available on the website at <http://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us>.

You asked

- 1. Please could you give me the number to deaths whereby Covid is the sole cause of death listed , there were no other pre existing conditions or comorbidities noted on the death certificate, covering the period from March 2020 until present day.**

We do not hold the information requested. The Medical Certificate Cause of Death (MCCD) is a document which is issued by a doctor to the registrar.

The Registry Office has suggested that we signpost you to the Office for National Statistics as they may be able to assist you. Please find the attached link for your ease. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/contactus>

- a. If there answer is any, are you able to provide me with the average age of the deceased?**

Not applicable.

- 2. I would also like the number of cycles you run your PCR tests on normally as well as the the number of cycles that you are running for PCR tests where the patient/recipient is known to have been vaccinated with one of the available Covid jabs.**

Abbott : 40 cycles
Qiagen: 40 cycles
Cepheid: 45 cycles
Elitech: 45 cycles

The number of cycles does not change for Covid vaccinated patients.

- 3. If there is any difference in the number of cycles being used in relation to the patient's vaccination status please could you explain why?**

Not applicable.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Attachments included: No

Internal review

Please note that if you are unhappy with this FOI response then you have the right to request that the Trust conducts an internal review. This request should preferably be by email to plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net or you can write to the address on the letter head. We will then arrange for an internal review of this FOI response. The Trust will also usually deal with disputes as an internal review.

Following the outcome of our internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/> Tel: 01625 545 700

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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