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Date: 24 March 2021
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2021-000142
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Dear Jocelyn Hammer

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2021-000142 – Cycle Thresholds for PCR Machines Used in NHS Scotland for Pillar 1 Tests

I refer to your freedom of information request which we received on 24 February 2021 requesting the following information:

The following PCR machines are used to detect SARS-CoV-2: Abbott, Diasorin, Roche Elecsys, Siemens.

With respect to pillar 1 tests, for each of these PCR machines, please can you tell me the cycle threshold for a positive test, and the percentage of positive tests which fall into the following bands of cycle numbers:

1. >35
2. 30-35
3. 25-30
4. 20-25
5. <20

If there are other types of PCR machines used, please give me the same information.

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, National Procurement of NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold the information that you have requested.

As NSS is a Special Health Board within NHS Scotland we do not hold information for the whole of NHS Scotland as this information is not recorded within our systems. For more information on the services we provide please visit our website for more information by clicking on the link: <https://nhsnss.org/services/> .



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To be helpful you should make your request to all of the individual NHS Boards directly who may hold this request. You can find their details via the following link: <https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/> .

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Steel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Steel
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