

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-324

30 June 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

I am writing to you to request a copy of the rate the Bristol nhs trust is running on the covid19 pcr tests. Can i please have the latest information up to date and any previous information from April 2020 on the rate you have been running the tests.

the rate the pcr test are being test too. It's advised its at a rate of 25 per test but are being ran at 45 which gives off 97% false positive results.

So i wanted to know the rate the pcr test are being manipulated too and is it above the recommended 25% the pcr test creator advises.

The Trusts laboratories have a number of assays in use for undertaking polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and each assay may have a slightly different limit of detection rate. The Trust complies with individual manufactures guidelines.

For further information on understanding cycle threshold's in PCR testing please see the governments website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/926410/Understanding_Cycle_Threshold_Ct_in_SARS-CoV-2_RT-PCR_.pdf

For your information through the Office of National Statistics (ONS) [Covid-19 Infection survey](#) the ONS states there has been no sample which has been positive with a CT Value above 37, with the exception of one.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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