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**Fwd: Freedom of information - TL1S - FOI 11035 - Final response**

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To: christinem@fluoridefreepeel.ca

Tue, Jul 27, 2021 at 3:49 AM

- TL1S - FOI 11035 - Final response

Good morning,

The Trust has now completed collation of data to support a response to your recent Freedom of Information requests for Pennine Acute NHS Trust and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust.

Details requested have been attached to this email.

As part of the disclosure log, all responses to Freedom of Information requests are posted on the Trust's website. Please click on the link below to view the response to your request.

<https://www.srft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/randr/?entryid34=218053&q=0%7e11135%7e>

Please click on the corresponding Trusts tab to view the information.

We trust these details will assist with your enquiries. If we can be of any further assistance in the future please do not hesitate to contact us again.

Questionnaire

As a Trust we are keen to monitor and improve the services we offer. We'd be grateful if you could take the time to answer the following questions and provide us with any other feedback that may assist us with this process:

Were you satisfied with the handling of your request?	YES/NO
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Was your request handled in a timely manner?	YES/NO
Were you provided with sufficient information to assist you with your request?	YES/NO

Yours Sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From: PennineFOI atSalford

Sent: 11 June 2021 07:54

Subject: RE: Freedom of information - TL1S - FOI 11035 - ack

Good morning,

With reference to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust acknowledges receipt of your request for information and informs you that the process has been instigated. Our Reference number should be used in all future correspondence.

In accordance with Trust policy and the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a period of 20 working days is assigned for processing your request. [Working days within the NHS refers to Mon-Fri.] We will provide you with an explanation if we find that there is any reason why this period may extend beyond the period prescribed by the Act.

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding the procedure.

Kind regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ryan Kate (Microbiology) <kate.ryan@srft.nhs.uk>

Sent: 10 June 2021 10:31

Cc: Freedom of information request <FreedomOf.InformationRequest@srft.nhs.uk>

Subject: RE: Freedom of information - TL1S - FOI 11035

I have referred your request to the Freedom of Information department.

Kind Regards,

Kate Ryan

Microbiology Service Manager

Pathology at Wigan and Salford (PAWS)

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PA for Microbiology – Diane Lancaster ( 0161 206 5030 diane.lancaster@srft.nhs.uk)

-----Original Message-----

Sent: 09 June 2021 21:02

To: Ryan Kate (Microbiology) <kate.ryan@srft.nhs.uk>

Subject: Freedom of information

Hi Kate,

Under the freedom of information Act I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on the PCR test (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard, and if that number has been changed at any time for whatever reason.

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.

And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's postulates?

Kind regards

The UK

Sent from my iPhone

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**3 attachments**



**PCR Testing - 09 07 2021.pdf**

194K



**NCA FOI COVID 19 responses 080721.pdf**

258K



**NCA FOI Response Report - FOI 11135 - Final.pdf**

154K

Freedom of Information Report **FOI / 11135**

**Question (dated:09/06/2021)**  
**Requestor Category: Individual**

I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at any time for whatever reason.

I would also like to know how many children with under the age of 16 have been logged as a death from SARSCoV2 without any underlying health issues.

Can you also tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates.

**Response – Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust**

**All COVID-19 related information for the Trust is published online (including PCR testing). In line with section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, please visit the link below to access the information requested**

<https://www.srft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/randr/?entryid34=217656&q=0%7epcr%7e>

[https://www.srft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/randr/?esctl2071478directoryviewpager\\_p=1&entryid34=205243&q=0%7efoi+covid%7e](https://www.srft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/randr/?esctl2071478directoryviewpager_p=1&entryid34=205243&q=0%7efoi+covid%7e)

Freedom of Information Report **COVID-19 RELATED FIGURES**

COVID- 19 death figures are reported daily on the NHS England website. In line with section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, please visit the link below to access the information requested

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

- the number of patients in hospital with COVID including those in mechanical ventilation
- the number of patients admitted to hospital with COVID
- the number of patients diagnosed in hospital with COVID
- the number of patients discharged from hospital and
- staffing absences
- hospital admissions,
- number of Adult G&A beds; occupied by COVID patients; occupied by non-COVID patients, unoccupied
- number of all beds occupied by COVID patients
- number of MV beds occupied by COVID patients

are also reported via the link below

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

Cause of death is not recorded on our clinical systems and would be recorded on an individual's death certificate. To review all death certificates issued over this time period to establish the primary cause of death is estimated will take in excess of time expectations of the Freedom of Information Act. The Trust therefore sites section 12(1) and is unable to provide a response to this request.

**Break down per Care Organisation and Hospital**

	Patients (March 2020 – December 2020)	Patients (Jan 2021 – March 2021)
<b>Bury and Rochdale Care Organisation (Fairfield General Hospital and Rochdale Infirmary)</b>	12	12
<b>Oldham Care Organisation (The Royal Oldham Hospital)</b>	16	35
<b>North Manchester Care Organisation (North Manchester General Hospital)</b>	88	<10

The total number of patients who have died with a positive COVID-19 test within 28 days of their death with no previous existing health conditions between March 2020 and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at **Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust** is **<10**

The total number of patients who have died with a positive COVID-19 test within 28 days of their death with no previous existing health conditions between January 2021 and March 2021 at **Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust** is **<10**

The Trust applies an exemption under section 41 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (Information provided in confidence in relation to patients that are deceased and are not afforded rights under the GDPR) and has not provided any figures less than 10.

The Trust is unable to differentiate between those who died with or from COVID-19. However, in the spirit of the FOI Act, the Trust is able to provide the following information of the total number of patients who have died with a positive COVID-19 test within 28 days of their death:

**432** patient's deaths have been submitted into the Covid-19 Patient Notification System (CPNS) via NHS England within the time frame of March 2020 to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at **Fairfield General Hospital**

**155** patient's deaths have been submitted into the Covid-19 Patient Notification System (CPNS) via NHS England within the time frame of March 2020 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021 at the **Royal Oldham Hospital**

*\*\*Figures for April to July 2021 will be published by the end of September 2021 (exempt under section 22 of the FOI Act – intended for future publication)*

Freedom of Information Report **FOI / 11128**

**Question (dated:09/06/2021)**  
**Requestor Category: Individual**

1. I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at anytime for whatever reason.
2. 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.
3. And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCov2 going through Koch's Postulates.

**Response – Salford Royal Foundation Trust**

1. I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at anytime for whatever reason.

**The Trust uses the following Commercial CE IVD assays - Hologic Panther, Cepheid, BD Max, Abbott Alinity, Abbott M2000 and AusDiagnostics Hi-Plex. The number of thermal cycles across all the platforms in use varies slightly and the maximum is 42; the parameters for all these assays are available from the commercial suppliers. The Trust does not alter them for any reason.**

2. 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.

**There were no children under the age of 16 who died within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test result.**

3. And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCov2 going through Koch's Postulates.

**The Trust has not recorded any cases going through Koch's Postulates.**



## Response – Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

1. I would like to know the number of cycles you have been using on PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as standard and if that number has ever been changed at anytime for whatever reason.

**The Trust uses the following Commercial CE IVD assays - Hologic Panther, Cepheid, BD Max, Abbott Alinity, Abbott M2000 and AusDiagnostics Hi-Plex. The number of thermal cycles across all the platforms in use varies slightly and the maximum is 42; the parameters for all these assays are available from the commercial suppliers. The Trust does not alter them for any reason.**

2. 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.

**The Trust is unable to provide figures of those who have died from COVID-19. In the spirit of the FOI Act, the Trust can provide information on those with a positive COVID 19 test within 28 days of death.**

**There were less than 10 children who died within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test result.**

**The Trust applies an exemption under section 41 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (Information provided in confidence in relation to patients that are deceased and are not afforded rights under the GDPR) and has not provided any figures less than 10.**

3. And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCov2 going through Koch's Postulates.

**The Trust has not recorded any cases going through Koch's Postulates.**