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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th June 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid-19 PCR test.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to know the number of cycles you are completing when testing for a positive outcome on the Covid-19 PCR test. Additionally, could you please inform me as to whether the number of cycles has changed at any point from February 2020 to present day?

For your information, I am including multiple links and have hyperlinked titles to the official documents which I would appreciate being sent to the relevant laboratory team.

- The official CDC document titled "[COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case investigation](#)" includes information which reads on page 1: "Clinical specimens for sequencing should have an RT-PCR Ct value ≤ 28 ."
- Additionally, on page 5 of the PHE document titled "[Understanding cycle threshold \(Ct\) in SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR](#)", the graph shows the cycle threshold at 25.6.
- The EUA CDC document titled "[CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel](#)" includes the following statement near the beginning of page 40: "Detection of viral RNA may not indicate the presence of infectious virus or that 2019-nCoV is the causative agent for clinical symptoms."
- The late Karey Mullis, inventor of the PCR test, spoke about misusing the PCR test in this video: <https://www.bitchute.com/video/wOSeTz57xrCF/>
- Here is a journal article investigating false positives: <https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/72/11/e921/5912603>.
- This is a website for pathologists in a European country stating the misuse of PCR tests in viral detection: <https://bpa-pathology.com/covid19-pcr-tests-are-scientifically-meaningless/>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=a_Vy6fqaBPE&feature=youtu.be is a YouTube video of Anthony Fauci speaking about the increased likelihood of not being able to culture the viral material that is amplified when cycles are above around 37 (between times 4.15 - 5.10mins in video).

If the number of cycles is over these recommended figures, this would concur with my suspicions of medical fraud and only in that case, I will be serving your team, and hospital with a notice of liability in due course. As this notice would incriminate yourself and others who are aware of the PCR cycles, may I suggest that you read through the NHS's whistleblowing policy and discuss this with your worker's union?

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A1 Cut off has not changed and is in accordance with manufacturer' instructions for use. (CE marked assay) Total number of cycles is 40. Assay used has 2 targets, any sample with CT of less than or equal to 38 is further tested to reduce risk of false positive results. As prevalence is low, all positives, regardless of CT value, are confirmed in a second PCR assay.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

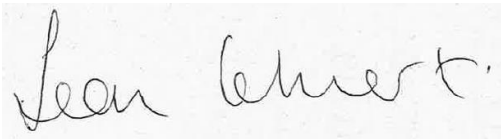
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager