



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-151

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Date: 1st July 2021

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th June 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding PCR results

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 Can you confirm at what cycle threshold you are currently running your PCR results?

Specifically between the following dates:

- 1st January - 31 January 2021
- 1st February - 28 February 2021
- 1st March - 31 March 2021
- 1st April - 30 April 2021
- 1st May - 31 May 2021
- 1st June - to date 2021

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.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

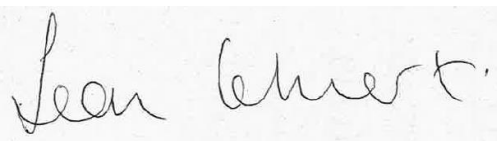
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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

Yours,



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Data, Security & Protection Manager