

**Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log  
- Reply Extract**

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**You asked**

- 1. Please could you give me the number of deaths whereby Covid is the sole cause of death listed on a death certificate in your trust, not connected to any any other pre existing conditions or co-morbidities and please provide me with the average age of these deaths, covering the period from March 2020 until the present day. If there are any can you please provide the average age of these deaths too?**

We do not hold the information requested. The Medical Certificate Cause of Death (MCCD) is a document which is issued by a doctor to the registrar.

The Registry Office has suggested that we signpost you to the Office for National Statistics as they may be able to assist you. Please find the attached link for your ease. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/contactus>

- 2. I would also like to know the number of cycles you run your PCR tests on normally as well as the number of cycles you perform them on known vaccinated patients who require the PCR test?**

Abbott :	40 cycles
Qiagen:	40 cycles
Cepheid:	45 cycles
Elitech:	45 cycles

This is not different for vaccinated patients.

- a. If there is any difference in the number of cycles run in relation to the patents vaccination status can you please explain why?**

Not applicable

**Attachments included:** No



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