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I am responding to your request for information received 11 June 2021 which you clarified on 17 June 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Request:**

**Dear Sir/Madam, Re: East London NHS Foundation Trust**

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

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*

*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health and community health trust and believes this question is for an acute trust. We therefore does not hold the information requested.

**Question 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.**

**Answer:** The Trust has recorded zero deaths of children under the age of 16 from SARSCoV2.

**Question 3. In addition, can you please tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates.**

**Clarification:** I believe the following to be Koch's Postulates.

**Koch's Postulates  
to Identify the Causative Agent of an Infectious Disease**

**Koch's Postulates**

**Four criteria that were established by Robert Koch to identify the causative agent of a particular disease, these include:**

**1. the microorganism or other pathogen must be present in all cases of the disease**

**the pathogen can be isolated from the diseased host and grown in pure culture**

**the pathogen from the pure culture must cause the disease when inoculated into a healthy, susceptible laboratory animal**

**the pathogen must be reisolated from the new host and shown to be the same as the originally inoculated pathogen**

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**Question 4. Furthermore, could you give me the number of deaths whereby Covid is the sole cause of death listed, there were no other pre-existing conditions or comorbidities noted on the death certificate, covering the period from March 2020 until the present date.**

Answer: The Trust has recorded 11 deaths with COVID with no other illness recorded or reported at the time of their death.

**Question 5. If the answer is any, are you able to provide me with the average age of the deceased?**

Answer: The average age of the deceased is 79.

**Question 6. I would also like the number of cycles you run your PCR tests on normally as well as the number of cycles that you are running for PCR tests where the patient/recipient is known to have been vaccinated with one of the available Covid jabs. If there is any difference in the number of cycles being used in relation to the patient's vaccination status please could you explain why?**

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