

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_243_21

You asked:

Please could you inform me how many cycles are you using for PCR testing at this present time and how many cycles did you use at Xmas time. I wish this information under the freedom of information act.

Our response:

It varies, we have many tests in use. Some tests do not give Ct values and the number of cycles used are set by the manufacturer in the software. We follow the method/manufacture usage instructions that are part of the CE marking for the test.

For clarity, the Ct value of a test where Covid has been detected indicates the detection (or threshold) point for that result. The total number of cycles used by a method is set by the manufacturer and is not altered by the lab.

We can confirm that we have not changed our practice.