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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Dyddiad/Date: 28th June 2021
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 9th June 2021. Your request sought information relating to PCR testing cycles.

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

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our Disclosure Log. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our website, which contains details of the information you require: <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2020/october/20-j-037-amplification-cycle-covid-19>

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.

You clarified on 9th June 2021 that you are referring to deaths where COVID-19 was the only cause of death with no other contributing factors.

I can confirm that Swansea Bay University Health Board does not hold this information.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) provide us with data relating to COVID deaths where COVID-19 is mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, including as a contributing factor. We are not able to split this data further in order to exclude contributing factors to death, therefore we recommend that you contact



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the ONS, who may be able to provide this breakdown for you on foi.team@ons.gov.uk.

3. And can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through Koch's Postulates.

Please see question 1.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of

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Director of Corporate Governance

