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REQUEST & RESPONSE

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 for what ever reason?

The analyser used are based on real time PCR analysis which is not contingent on a defined number of cycles (as in standard PCR), but rather at what cycle does the amplification curve cross a certain diagnostic threshold. For each instrument these limits of detection have been identified as part of the UKAS accredited validation and verification process. There have been no changes made.

i would also like to know how many children under the age of 16 have been logged as a death from SARSCoV2 without any under lying health issues.

St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals have recorded no deaths of children under 16 with SARS Covid 2 and no underlying health issues.

Can you tell me if you have any records of SARSCoV2 going through koch's postulates?

Koch's postulates have not been performed at this Trust.