



Access to Public Information Request

Date of receipt: 2nd September 2021

Date of response: 30th September 2021

Access to Public Information request regarding PCR testing and vaccines

Request:

First request received on 2nd September 2021

Please provide me with the Risk Assessment for the PCR tests you are using.

As previously noted, these emails will be used in court proceedings, which are being issued as we speak which may demonstrate further the lack of competency of Public Health Guernsey.

Received by email on 5th September 2021

- (1) I write to request further information in relation to the "new seasonal Flu Vaccine" being offered for children. I have a few questions: (a) where did this guidance come from
(b) is this to protect against Sars Cov 2
(c) when was it manufactured
(d) when was it approved for use
(e) what are the known side effects
(f) does the nasal vaccine have live virus' present as Tetra means 4 and Live.
(g) who manufactures it

Received by telephone on 7th September 2021

- (2) How many people have been admitted to the wards who have been double vaccinated versus those who have not been vaccinated?

Received by letter dated 31st August 2021

- (3) Please provide answers to the following questions:

- (a) What PCR test is currently being used?
(b) What is the current cycle that the PCR tests are run at in order to identify SARS – COV2
(c) Has this cycle has changed since testing began, and if so, please provide the dates and the cycle amendment.

(d) What diagnostic test you are using to identify any variants? Please may you also provide the cycle that this is ran at if, and what guidelines are being used.

(e) What information are you using regarding the isolation of the SARS COV “ virus and current variant based on Koch’s postulates.

(f) What is the sensitivity of the test and is it able to pick up any one of the other 380 trillion virus’ held within us.

Response provided by the Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

In line with the Code of Practice for Access to Public Information’s guidance for voluminous requests, the requester was approached and asked to narrow the scope of their enquiry however they declined to do so.

The Committee *for* Health & Social Care is therefore providing responses only where it does not require a significant diversion of resources and applying exception 2.9 ‘Voluminous or vexatious requests’ where this is not the case:

In response to questions about the flu vaccine, information is publicly available online from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation: [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). The flu vaccine is not to protect against SARS-CoV-2. Information about COVID vaccinations from the JCVI can also be found online, including in the ‘green book’: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>.

With regard to patients who have been fully vaccinated or not, information on the vaccination status of all positive cases since the ‘second wave’ is published regularly on [Testing results | States of Guernsey - COVID-19 \(gov.gg\)](http://gov.gg)

Guernsey uses two PCR tests. Primarily it uses a PCR test kit manufactured by Certest Biotech under the brand Viasure SARS-CoV-2 RT detection. Information on this test has been provided previously in response to a separate API request and can be found here: [CHttpHandler.ashx \(gov.gg\)](http://CHttpHandler.ashx). The second test used in Guernsey is the Cepheid Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2, this is used for rapid turn arounds.