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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Type 1
Diabetes Testing

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Do you provide autoantibody testing for diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes? • If yes, please indicate which assays are available either onsite or via referral to another laboratory: - o GAD - o IA-2 - o ZnT8 - o IAA	On-site testing: no Referral laboratory: yes, GAD, IA-2 and ZnT8			
2. Does your organisation receive requests for Type 1 diabetes autoantibody testing in individuals without clinically diagnosed diabetes (e.g. screening of at-risk relatives or other asymptomatic individuals)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown.	Unknown			
3. Please provide the number of unique patients tested clinically for the following autoantibodies during: • Calendar year 2025 • January–March 2026 Please exclude research-only testing where identifiable. 3a. Please provide separate figures for: • onsite testing	2025: 315; Jan-Mar 2026: 139 a: All auto-Abs are outsourced.			

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• outsourced/referred testing If exact patient numbers are not available, please provide the closest available measure (e.g. request numbers or assay volumes) and specify the metric used. • GAD only • Combination of any of GAD, IA-2 and/or ZnT8 • IAA only (if available)				
4. If an external laboratory is used, please provide: • laboratory/provider name • location	Blood Sciences (immunology Laboratory), Area A2, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Barrack Road, Exeter, EX2 5DW			
5. If readily available, please provide the number of unique patients in 2025 and Jan–Mar 2026 who tested positive for: i) one autoantibody ii) two or more autoantibodies Please exclude research-only testing where possible. 5a. Of the unique patients who tested positive, how many were referred through an early stage/asymptomatic screening programme?	i) 42 ii) 32 a: Information not held			
6. Please provide the average turnaround time over the last 12 months for Type 1 diabetes autoantibody testing: • onsite testing • referred testing (if applicable)	Referred Testing: Quoted TAT is 14 days			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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