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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:
Microbiology and Virology Data

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 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. Please could you kindly complete the table below to provide information on the microbiology, virology and molecular tests carried out within the Pathology Laboratory at the Trust over the previous 2 calendar years (April 2023 - March 2025).		Yes	Section 12	<p>Section 12 of the Act allows the Trust to refuse to deal with any requests where we estimate that responding to the request would exceed the cost limit. We have identified that question 1 will exceed the cost limit. For public authorities the cost limit is £450 (18 hours). If responding to one part of a request would exceed the cost limit, we do not have to provide a response to any other parts of the request. Therefore, the estimated cost of processing your request is £1,300.00. This charge has been calculated in accordance with section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.</p> <p>In order to locate this information, we would need to run reports from various systems for each individual test and then analyse these reports. We have estimated that it would take 1hr per test. We estimate that the cost of satisfying your request will be £1,300.00 (52 hours x £25 per hour).</p> <p>Under section 16 of the Act we are obliged to advise you to refine your request to narrow the scope in order to bring it within the appropriate limit. Can we suggest that the scope of tests for question 1 are reduced. If you are unable to reduce the scope of the request the Trust will be unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. If you wish to</p>

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				proceed with this request the fee will need to be paid within three calendar months. If the fee is not received by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.
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				If Molecular please indicate the following:						If Culture/Slide/Other please indicate the following:					
Please state Hospital Site	Testing Category	Target of Interest	Do you use a Molecular Test or Culture/Slide s/Other /If	Analyser/s Used	Length of Contract	Contract Renewal Date	If sample are sent to another	Number of samples tested in	Number of samples tested so far	Please state method used	Length of Contract	Contract Renewal Date	If sample are sent to another	Number of samples	Number of samples
	STI Testing	Chylamydia													
	STI Testing	gonorrhoea													
	STI Testing	Chylamydia Confirmatory Test													
	STI Testing	gonorrhoea Confirmatory Test													
	STI Testing	Mycoplasma genitalium													

STI Testing	Mycoplasma genitalium Resistance Testing													
STI Testing	Syphilis (/Treponema pallidum)													
STI Testing	Herpes Simplex 1 & 2													
Women's Health	Bacterial Vaginitis													
Women's Health	Candida Vaginitis													
Women's Health	Trichomonas vaginalis													
Viral Loads	HIV													
Viral Loads	HBV													
Viral Loads	HCV													
Viral Loads	HEV													
Transplant Viral Loads	CMV													
Transplant Viral Loads	EBV													

Transplant Viral Loads	BKV														
Transplant Viral Loads	Adenovirus														
Transplant Viral Loads	HEV														
Respiratory Testing	SARS-CoV-2														
Respiratory Testing	Flu A														
Respiratory Testing	Flu B														
Respiratory Testing	RSV														
Respiratory Testing	Adenovirus														
Respiratory Testing	Rhinoviruses														
Respiratory Testing	human Metapneumovirus														
Respiratory Testing	Parainfluenza														
Respiratory Testing	Mycobacterium tuberculosis														

Respiratory Testing	mycoplasma pneumoniae													
Respiratory Testing	Bordetella (B. pertussis/B. parapertussis)													
Respiratory Testing	Mpox													
Respiratory Testing	Legionella													
Faecal Enteric Testing	Salmonella													
Faecal Enteric Testing	STEC													
Faecal Enteric Testing	Shigella													
Faecal Enteric Testing	Campylobacter													
Faecal Enteric Testing	Cryptosporidium													

Faecal Enteric Testing	Giardia														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Yersinia														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Entamoeba histolytica														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Vibrio														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Clostridioides difficile														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Adenovirus														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Rotavirus														
Faecal Enteric Testing	Sapovirus														

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Faecal Enteric Testing	Norovirus													
Faecal Enteric Testing	Astrovirus													
HAI	MRSA													
HAI	MSSA													
HAI	CPO/CPE													
Other	GBS													
Testing Category	Target of Interest	Does your lab use LDT's (Yes/No)	What targets do your LDT's look for?	Analysed	Are you in Contract (Yes/No) Please state expiry date if yes	Number of sample s tested in 2023 (April 2023- March 2024) split by LDT	Number of sample s tested so far in 2024 (April 2024- March 2025) split by LDT	Are you looking to expand your LDT portfolio ? (Yes/No) Please state what targets you are looking						

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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/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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