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Dear Sir/Madam

18th March 2025

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	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. 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). 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

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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 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	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	Number of samples	Number of samples
Γ		STI Testing	Chylamydia													
		STI Testing	gonorrhoea													
		STI Testing	Chylamydia Confirmatory Test													
		STI Testing	gonorrhoea Confirmatory Test													
		STI Testing	Mycoplasma genitalium													

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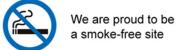




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	Mycoplasma												
0717	genitalium												
STI Testing	Resistance Testing												
	Syphilis												
	(/Treponema												
STI Testing	pallidum)												
	Herpes Simplex 1 &												
STI Testing	2												
Women's													
Health	Bacterial Vaginitis												
Women's													
Health	Candida Vaginitis												
Women's	Trichomonas												
Health	vaginalis												
Viral Loads	HIV												
Viral Loads	HBV												
Viral Loads	HCV												
Viral Loads	HEV												
Transplant													
Viral Loads	CMV												
Transplant													
Viral Loads	EBV												

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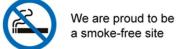


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Transplant													
Viral Loads	BKV												
Transplant													
Viral Loads	Adenovirus												
Transplant													
Viral Loads	HEV												
Respiratory													
Testing	SARS-CoV-2												
Respiratory													
Testing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

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Respiratory	mycoplasma					I	1		
Testing	pneumoniae								
10011118	Bordetella (B.								
Respiratory	pertussis/B.								
Testing	parapertussis)								
Respiratory	paraportadoloj								
Testing	Мрох								
Respiratory									
Testing	Legionella								
Faecal									
Enteric									
Testing	Salmonella								
Faecal									
Enteric									
Testing	STEC								
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Enteric									
Testing	Shigella								
Faecal									
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Testing	Campylobacter								
Faecal									
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Testing	Cryptosporidium								

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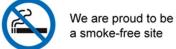


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Enteric	Entamoeba										
Testing	histolytica										
Faecal											
Enteric											
Testing	Vibrio										
Faecal											
Enteric	Clostridioides										
Testing	difficile										
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Enteric											
Testing	Adenovirus										
Faecal	7 ta ci i o vi i a c										
Enteric											
Testing	Rotavirus										
Faecal	Totavilus										
Enteric											
Testing	Sapovirus										

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Faecal Enteric Testing Faecal Enteric Testing HAI	Norovirus Astrovirus 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?	Analyse r Used	Are you in Contrac t (Yes/No) Please state expiary 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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					to bring onto an LDT.		
	Lab Developed						
Other	Tests						

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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/.

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Yours faithfully

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