

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-669

3 October 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

I would like to request the following information for the period 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 whichever data is available easily:

We are trying to gauge how many labs have to re-label blood tubes, and the size of the problem. If you have precise data that would be preferable, but if it is easier to give approximate data, that is fine also.

1. Name of your hospital or list of hospitals under your single NHS Trust.

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2. How many beds does your hospital or each hospital in your group have?

Current bedbase 1132

3. What hospitals (names) does your laboratory serve?

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4. How many (~) blood tubes arrive in the lab (pathology specimen reception or SRA) for a 12 month periods?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

5. How many (~) blood tests does your pathology specimen reception handle during a 12 month period?

8,090,848

6. How many patients does this represent?

350,000

7. What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label?

100%

8. What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?

100%

9. What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?

100%

10. What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care?

45% primary 55% Secondary

11. For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients?

Inpatients 63%

Outpatients 37%

12. For primary care patients: What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)?

We do not hold this information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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