

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-576

23 August 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 do hold the information you are requesting

1. For the past five years, how many STI postal test kits were sent out to service users from your sexual health service? I would like the data from the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023?

Financial year	Orders
2018/2019	13,562
2019/2020	20,964
2020/2021	32,129
2021/2022	35,257
2022/2023	36,258

2. On average for each year specified, what was the proportion of tests successfully returned to the trust? If there is an estimated range, please provide as an estimated range.

Financial year	Proportion of tests returned
2018/2019	58.80%
2019/2020	56.07%
2020/2021	64.39%
2021/2022	65.96%
2022/2023	59.08%

3. What is the total overall cost spent by your NHS trust on all STI tests to send out and process, including pathology (the cost of processing the samples) each year? I would like the data from the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023?

Financial year	Total overall cost
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2018/2019	£203,999.83
2019/2020	£305,948.59
2020/2021	£469,079.14
2021/2022	£406,486.93
2022/2023	£386,334.53

For example during the financial year 2018 to 2019, the total cost of: £800,000 was spent.

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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