

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-959

20 December 2024

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

I would like to request the following information for the period 2021-2022 or 2022-2023, whichever is more readily available.

1. Names of hospitals under your NHS Trust

Bristol Dental Hospital
Bristol Eye Hospital
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre
Bristol Heart Institute
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
Bristol Royal Infirmary
St Michael's Hospital
South Bristol Community Hospital
Weston General Hospital
Unity Sexual Health

2. Does your hospital perform blood tests or are they outsourced to an external laboratory?

- a. Hospital based tests - Yes**
- b. External laboratory (please name)**

3. How many blood tubes are received in pathology reception each year?

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received 3.4 million tubes (please amend with actual number if known)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000**

- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000**
 - c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000**
 - d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000**
 - e. >5,000,000**
- Between 2,500,000-5,000,000

4. If you do not know the answer to (3). How many patients have blood tests in your laboratory each year.

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received blood test requests for 1.2 million patients (please amend with actual number if known)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000**
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000**
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000**
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000**
- e. >5,000,000**

5. Roughly what % of blood tests arrive from Primary Care and Secondary care respectively?

Primary Care - 50%

Secondary Care - 50%

6. Roughly what % of all total blood tests arriving to your reception need re-labelling so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser? - 45%

7. Roughly what % of blood tubes that arrive from Primary or Secondary Care need to be re-labelled so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser.

Primary Care: - 45% need to be re-labelled before analysis

Secondary Care: - 5% need to be re-labelled before analysis

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

Bristol
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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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