

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-618

26 August 2025

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 data on lipid testing carried out by your laboratory for the fiscal years (1st April to 31st March) 2022, 2023 and 2024. Specifically, I am seeking the annual number of lipid-related blood tests processed, broken down by referral source and test type.

Please provide the total number of lipid-related blood tests originating from each of the following referral sources:

- Hospitals (inpatient and outpatient)
- General Practice (GP)
- Community services (including home sampling kits and other community-based services)

0 - Unable to comment on this as we do not have this demographic recorded within our laboratory systems.

For each referral source, please also provide a breakdown of the total number of lipid-related blood tests by the following test types:

I understand that a lipid profile typically includes measurements of total cholesterol, HDL, and LDL. However, if some of these tests are requested individually rather than as part of a full panel, please report each type separately.

- Lipid profile (full panel)
- Total cholesterol (individual test)
- HDL cholesterol (individual test)
- LDL cholesterol (individual test)

We do not offer this test individually at UHBW, this is a calculation as part of the lipid profile.

	2022 - 23	2023 - 24	2024 - 25	
Hospital	15,410	14,303	14,998	

GP	126,904	112,729	119,981	
Community	-	-	-	
Lipid profile				
Hospital	7,930	10,081	11,686	
GP	71,185	83,798	113,768	
Community	-	-	-	
Cholesterol				
Hospital	1,144	1,019	145	Note: During 2024/25 the ICE merger meant that all future cholesterol tests were listed under “Lipid profile”
GP	1,078	939	86	
Community	-	-	-	
HDL				
Hospital	759	851	24	Note: During 2024/25 the ICE merger meant that all future cholesterol tests were listed under “Lipid profile”
GP	22,052	27,925	938	
Community	-	-	-	

LDL	0	0	0	
Hospital	0	0	0	
GP	0	0	0	
Community	0	0	0	

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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