

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_73_19

You asked:

Please would you complete and return the attached table in as much detail as possible.

Our response:

Please find the completed form attached, with workload data for 2017/18 as requested. There is no point of care testing (POCT) for Microbiology and no private sector involvement within our Health Board. We are a single lab and not part of a network.

Re: Infectious Disease Diagnostic Tests, Freedom of Information Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are asking for information about the diagnostic tests carried out in the hospitals across your Health Board for certain infectious diseases in the twelve months from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Please would you ask your hospitals to complete the attached table in as much detail as possible.

At first glance the table looks very detailed; however, there will be many sections that will not be relevant to some hospitals and will therefore be left blank.

Terminology used in the table

- 'Test Type' e.g. molecular or immunoassay.
- 'Near Patient' = tests carried out at the ward, A&E, etc. and not done in a laboratory.
- 'Laboratory within your Hospital' = for example, a pathology laboratory at your hospital.
- 'Laboratory outside your Hospital' = are the tests carried out off-site at another location? This is not another site/building within your hospital but could be another NHS hospital or private laboratory.
- 'Other' = are tests carried out anywhere else?
- 'NHS/Private' = are the tests carried out by NHS staff/at an NHS facility or carried out by a private provider? 'Private' includes private laboratories based at your hospital.

Infectious Disease	Test Type	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from 1 st April 2017 to 31 st March 2018									
		'Near Patient' <i>(not in a laboratory)</i>					Laboratory <u>within</u> your Hospital		Laboratory <u>outside</u> your Hospital		Other <i>(please specify)</i>
		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward <i>(please specify)</i>	Total					
MRSA	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Culture					0	18683 Screens				
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
NMP22 (tumour marker)	Lateral Flow					0	0				
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
H. pylori	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Culture					0					
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0	2187				

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		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward <i>(please specify)</i>	Total					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Campylobacter	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Culture					0	7568 faeces cultured				
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
E. histolytica	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Microscopy					0	411 all OCP tests				
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					

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		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward <i>(please specify)</i>	Total					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Syphilis	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0	446				
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Chlamydia	Molecular					0	0				
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Norovirus	Molecular					0	50				
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					

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		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward <i>(please specify)</i>	Total					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Adenovirus	Molecular					0	0				
	Lateral Flow					0					
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					
Rotavirus	Molecular					0					
	Lateral Flow					0	874				
	Immunoassay (EIA)					0					
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>					0					