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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014177 - C-Reactive Protein (CRP) testing and pathology services

1. Please provide details regarding how your trust is reimbursed for the clinical testing service you provide (e.g. on a block contract basis, or based on an average price per test overall, an average price per test by speciality such as biochemistry & immunology, or a specific price per test)
Specific price per test

2. Please advise the cost of each CRP test that your trust charges the commissioner. If a specific cost per test is not available, please provide an estimate of the total reimbursement amount you receive for CRP tests per period (month/year) and the volume of CRP tests carried out in your lab (month/year).
The hospital tests are paid for by the total applicable HRG relating to the patient stay or outpatient appointment and therefore do not have a specific price. The GP requests are paid for on a price per test basis. This is a locally negotiated price and is therefore commercially sensitive information.
The volume was 211886 for the total number of tests done out of which: 37045 related to the ones requested by GPs and 174841 were the hospital requested tests.

3. Does your trust's pathology service currently have the in-house capability to measure CRP concentrations below 3mg/L?
Yes

4. If the answer to Question 3 is yes, how are the high-sensitivity CRP tests conducted (e.g. through different calibration of the analyser, or using premade high-sensitivity CRP kit)?
This is not hs-CRP but is a standard CRP method.