

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 2HQ

Ref: FOI-032024-000697

Date: 25/03/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

1. Are blood cultures submitted from a single site within the Trust?

From Russells Hall Hospital only.

2. Are they incubated on site or sent directly to RWT?

On site at Russells Hall Hospital.

3. The recommended pre-analytical standard for blood cultures is a four-hour TAT from collection to incubation (SMI S12 & B37). If compliance with the pre analytical standard cannot be met, are clinicians made aware of the risk via a statement in the report on specimens which encountered delay?

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4. Number of bed days for all patients

Bed days = Finished Consultant episodes x average length of stay

2022/23 is 251528. Please note figure includes all admitted patients.

5. What is the population served by the Trust

Currently the Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people from three hospital sites at Russells Hall Hospital, Guest Outpatient Centre in Dudley and Corbett Outpatient Centre in Stourbridge.

6. What was the total expenditure on laboratory services (directorate of pathology) as a percentage of total Trust expenditure in the year 2022/23?

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7. Please append a copy of your blood culture protocol or policy or other document which informs clinical staff when they should take a blood culture.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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