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**Date:** 23/04/2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

**Please provide information regarding your organisation's joint infection services.**

**Response**

**The Trust does not have this information as it is a service co-parted with Royal Orthopaedics Hospital, Birmingham City Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital, all specimens are sent to a central testing facility at The Royal Wolverhampton Hospital, therefore, Microbiology related questions within this request cannot be answered by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.**

**We are unable to answer the request made as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format. When information is not in a reportable format the ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".**

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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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

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**