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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

1. Names of hospitals under your NHS Trust – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

**Question 2 to 7 – please see response at end of questions**

2. Does your hospital perform blood tests or are they outsourced to an external laboratory?
  - a. Hospital based tests
  - b. External laboratory (please name)

3. How many blood tubes are received in pathology reception each year?

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received 3.4 million tubes (*please amend with actual number if known*)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

4. If you do not know the answer to (3). How many patients have blood tests in your laboratory each year.

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received blood test requests for 1.2 million patients (*please amend with actual number if known*)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

5. Roughly what % of blood tests arrive from Primary Care and Secondary care respectively?

Primary Care X%

Secondary Care X%

6. Roughly what % of all total blood tests arriving to your reception need re-labelling so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser?

7. Roughly what % of blood tubes that arrive from Primary or Secondary Care need to be re-labelled so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser.

Primary Care: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis

Secondary Care: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis

## Response

The Trust is now part of The Black Country Pathology Services.

The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) Partnership will integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The Black Country Pathology Service will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the Partnership.

Can you please forward your request to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. [rwht.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:rwht.FOI@nhs.net)

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**

