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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

Firstly, I would like to ask for statistic for the following years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2020, 2024

The statistics I want to request are :

1. How many samples did your laboratories process in the year. (please provide total of all samples across your all laboratories)
2. How many samples were not able to be processed (again please provide total of all samples across your all laboratories)
3. How many samples needed to be resent to Laboratories due to being lost or not arriving to the Lab? (again, please provide total of all samples across your all laboratories).
4. How many samples were not able to be processed once they arrived at the lab due to missing data or incorrect data ? (Again, please provide total of all samples across your all laboratories)
5. How many samples arrived to the lab damaged and unusable? (Again, please provide total of all samples across your all laboratories)
6. Please tell me what the main reason is for samples taken not arriving at the lab and needing to be resent.
7. Please can you tell me what the process is of a sample being taken and it arriving to the lab (for instance is there a collection point on the wards where samples are placed to be collected periodically throughout the day ?)
8. When a sample is taken is there a record of the sample being taken or is that samples are only recorded once they are received in the lab (for instance when a swab is taken is there a record of the sample being taken before it arrives in the lab?)

Response

The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) Partnership integrates pathology services and is based at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) for Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The Black Country Pathology Service is hosted by RWT on behalf of the Partnership. Therefore, please can you forward your request to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust 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
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust