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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014312 – Diagnostic tests for infectious diseases

Re: Infectious Disease Diagnostic Tests, Freedom of Information Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are asking for information about the number of diagnostic tests carried out at your NHS Trust for certain infectious diseases in the twelve months from April 2017 to March 2018.

Please would you complete the attached table in as much detail as possible. The Pathology Laboratory or Point of Care co-ordinator at your Trust may have this information readily to hand.

At first glance the table looks very detailed; however, there will be many sections that will not be relevant to your Trust and will therefore be left blank.

Terminology used in the table

- ‘Test Type’ e.g. molecular or immunoassay.
- ‘Near Patient’ = tests carried out at the ward, A&E, etc. and not done in a laboratory.
- ‘Laboratory within your Hospital Trust’ = for example, a pathology laboratory at your Trust.
- ‘Laboratory outside your Hospital Trust’ = are the tests carried out off-site at another location? This is not another site/building within your hospital Trust but could be another NHS Trust or private laboratory.
- ‘Other’ = are tests carried out anywhere else?
- ‘NHS/Private’ = are the tests carried out by NHS staff/at an NHS facility or carried out by a private provider? ‘Private’ includes private laboratories based at your Trust.

Infectious Disease	Test Type	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018									
		‘Near Patient’ <i>(not in a laboratory)</i>					Laboratory <u>within</u> your Hospital Trust		Laboratory <u>outside</u> your Hospital Trust		Other <i>(please specify)</i>
		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward <i>(please specify)</i>	Total					

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Influenza A/B	Molecular						680		103		
	Lateral Flow										
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow						635				
	Culture										
	Immunoassay (EIA)										
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
Group A Streptococcus	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
	Culture										
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
Clostridium difficile <i>(GDH and Toxin)</i>	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
	Immunoassay (EIA)						3454				
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										

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Hepatitis B	Molecular						171		179		
	Lateral Flow										
	Immunoassay (EIA)						4998				
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
Hepatitis C	Molecular						262		208		
	Lateral Flow										
	Immunoassay (EIA)						4565				
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow						200				
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										
HIV	Molecular						481				
	Lateral Flow										
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>						9045				Immunoassay (EIA)
Legionella	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow						635				

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	Culture										
	Immunoassay (EIA)										
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>										