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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, please see response below.

Under the *Freedom of Information Act*, I would like to request the following information for the period 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 whichever data is available easily:

1. Name of your hospital or list of hospitals under your single NHS Trust. – To see details of the Trust please go to [About us - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us)
2. How many beds does your hospital or each hospital in your group have? [About us - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us)

Questions 3 to 13- 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 Services will be hosted by Royal Wolverhampton Trust on behalf of the partnership.

3. What hospitals (names) does your laboratory serve?
4. How many (~) blood tubes arrive in the lab (pathology specimen reception or SRA) for a 12 month periods?
5. How many (~) blood tests does your pathology specimen reception handle during a 12 month period?
6. How many patients does this represent?
7. What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label?
8. What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?
9. What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?
10. What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care?
11. For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients?
12. For primary care patients: What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)?

I am trying to make this as easy as possible, but in essence we are trying to gauge how many labs have to re-label blood tubes, and the size of the problem. If you have precise data that would be preferable, but if it is easier to give approximate data, that is fine also.

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

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