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Russells Hall Hospital
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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

I would like to request the following information regarding MM, VIR & ID workload within the Trust.

The request is as follows:

1. Does your trust have dedicated virology laboratories, or are diagnostic tests for viral infections conducted in microbiology laboratories?
2. Do you provide clinical advice to more than 1 trust? If so, does that include onsite availability and how many trusts, hospitals, health boards, and organisations?
3. Is your trust responsible and/or do they cover any other laboratory, if so, how many laboratories?
4. What type of lab setup does your organisation currently use?
5. Approximately how many tests have you received yearly for swabs, blood, urine & stools in the last 5 years for MM, MVIR & ID?
6. As a medical microbiologist / medical virologist accredited in infectious diseases, do you provide inpatient care?
7. How many of your working hours are spent between the listed work areas, per week?
8. How many microbiologists also do virology workload
9. Does the service cover the listed out-of-hours (inpatient or other)

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
rwhttr.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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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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