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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

1. Testing and Management Protocols for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

1.1. Does your trust have a clinical protocol for testing and managing patients for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)? - **Yes**

If yes:

- a) Is your CRE testing protocol primarily molecular-based? - **No**
- b) If not, please specify which type of testing protocol is followed. – **Chromogenic screening media, identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing on suspected colonies.**

3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for CRE from?

2. Testing Protocols for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) Infection

2.1. Does your trust have a formal protocol for testing patients for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) infection? **Yes**

If yes:

- a) Is your C. difficile testing protocol molecular-based? **Yes**
- b) If not, please specify the testing method used. – **N/A**

3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for C. difficile from?

N/A the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust does not procure testing kits, please see comments at the end of question 3.2.

3. Testing and Procurement for Tuberculosis (TB) Resistance

3.1. What methods does your trust use to test for tuberculosis (TB) resistance?

- **PCR locally for rifampicin resistance (as part of TB detection), send to reference laboratory**

3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for TB resistance from? - **N/A, the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust does not procure testing kits, please see comments below**

Please note, the responses above are from The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT).

Therefore, can you please forward any further requests regarding Pathology services to 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, can you please forward any further requests 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

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