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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding blood tubes

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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.

A1 As above paragraph

Q2 How many beds does your hospital or each hospital in your group have?

A2 1,676 beds as at 31.03.23. This number includes general and acute, children's, critical care, maternity, neonatal and escalation beds

Q3 What hospitals (names) does your laboratory serve?

A3 See below:

North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service serves the following hospitals:
Royal Stoke University Hospital
County Hospital
Leighton Hospital
Macclesfield District General Hospital
Haywood Hospital
Edward Meyers Hospital

Q4 How many (~) blood tubes arrive in the lab (pathology specimen reception or SRA) for a 12 month periods?

A4 We do not count "blood Tubes" we count tests; We conducted 20,869,372 blood tests in 12 months (1st April 22- 31st March 23)

- Q5 How many (~) blood tests does your pathology specimen reception handle during a 12 month period?**
- A5 We conducted approximately 20,869,372 blood tests in 12 months (1st April 22- 31st March)
- Q6 How many patients does this represent?**
- A6 The laboratory information system does not record the number of individual patients tested. We count the number of requests (a patient may have multiple requests for tests). NMCPS received 5.19 million requests in 12 months (1st April 22- 31st March)
- Q7 What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label?**
- A7 100%
- Q8 What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?**
- A8 100%
- Q9 What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?**
- A9 100%
- Q10 What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care?**
- A10 See below:
46% Primary care
54% Secondary care
- Q11 For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients?**
- A11 See below:
41% Outpatient
59% Inpatient
- Q12 For primary care patients: What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)?**
- A12 UHNM (RSUH and County) 67% Primary care; 33% Secondary care. No CDC
Mid and East Cheshire: 42.2% Primary care; 40.8% Secondary care; 17.0% CDC

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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