

13 September 2018

**Our Ref:** RFI 24796

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Infectious Disease Diagnostic Tests**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 21 August 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Catherine Treanor  
Information Governance Assistant**

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

**Please would you complete and return the attached table in as much detail as possible.**

Infectious Disease	Test Type	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018									
		'Near Patient' (not in a laboratory)					Laboratory <u>within</u> your Hospital		Laboratory <u>outside</u> your Hospital		Other (please specify)
		NHS					NHS	Private	NHS	Private	
		M AU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward (please specify)	Total					
Influenza A/B	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	182	0	0	0	
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	10379	0	0	0	
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Group A Streptococcus	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	32793	0	0	0	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clostridium difficile (GDH and Toxin)	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	252	0	0	0	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	2951	0	0	0	
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hepatitis B	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
Hepatitis C	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	

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	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
HIV	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not Known	Not Known	
Legionella	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	586	0	0	0	
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	