

Information Governance

4 April 2019

**Our Ref:** RFI 27778

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 7 March 2019.

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 –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. 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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**Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are asking for information about the diagnostic tests carried out in hospitals across your HSC Trust for certain infectious diseases in the twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**

Infectious Disease	Test Type	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> 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	
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward (please specify)	Total					
MRSA	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	16607	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NMP22 (tumour marker)	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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<b>H. pylori</b>	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	1102	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Campylobacter</b>	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Culture	0	0	0	0	0	4770	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>E. histolytica</b>	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Microscopy	0	0	0	0	0	543	0	0	0	0

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	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syphilis	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0			*BHSCT_BIO	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chlamydia	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**BHSCT_RVL	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norovirus	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	6	0			0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**BHSCT_RVL	0	0

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	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adenovirus	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	509	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rotavirus	Molecular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lateral Flow	0	0	0	0	0	509	0	0	0	0
	Immunoassay (EIA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*BHSCT\_BIO – Numbers included in Belfast Health Social Care Trust (BHSCT) Biochemistry Laboratory Workload

\*\*BHSCT\_RVL - Numbers included in BHSCT Regional Virology Laboratory Workload