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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Pathology information.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. Name of your hospital or list of hospitals under your single NHS Trust.
Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital*
- 2. How many beds does your hospital or each hospital in your group have?*
- 3. What hospitals (names) does your laboratory serve?*
- 4. How many (~) blood tubes arrive in the lab (pathology specimen reception or SRA) for a 12 month periods?*
- 5. How many (~) blood tests does your pathology specimen reception handle during a 12 month period?*
- 6. How many patients does this represent?*
- 7. What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label?*
- 8. What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?*
- 9. What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?*
- 10. What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care?*
- 11. For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (IP) (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients (OP)?*
- 12. For primary care patients: What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)?*

Trust response:

1. Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital
2. In the region of 730

3. Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital (and Cellular Pathology serves Medway Maritime and Darent Valley Hospital [Dartford])
4. Blood sciences 1,913,187
5. 8,469,159
6. 744,960 average
7. 2.09% average per day
8. 2% average per day
9. 0.09% average per day
10. 50:50 approx.
11. When looking at 1 month's data IP = 43% OP = 32%
12. 100% phlebotomists/ GP nursing staff in GP practices