FOI 2542

Date 06/10/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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.

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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

L&D: 695

BH: 425

1. What hospitals (names) does your laboratory serve?

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Bedford and Luton & Dunstable)

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

We are unable to produce an accurate count.

1. How many (~) blood tests does your pathology specimen reception handle during a 12 month period?

We are unable to produce an accurate count.

1. How many patients does this represent?

1,176,228 patients

1. What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label?

100%

1. What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?

100%

1. What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyzer?

100%

1. What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care?

Hospital care: 43%, Primary care / other: 57%

1. For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients?

We are unable to produce an accurate count.

1. For primary care patients:  What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)?

We are unable to produce an accurate count.

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Yours sincerely,

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