

**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

My enquiry is in association to your sexual health services at your NHS trust, not the private provider who may produce and/or process your STI postal test kits on behalf of your trust, but my enquiry is in relation to how much it costs you to produce, send out and process the tests via the private provider, well as how many tests you send out from your service. If you do not use a private provider, please ignore references to a private provider.

**1. How many STI postal test kits on average do you send out a year in total from your sexual health service?**

We do not have the ability to accurately extract this data. This is not a routinely coded part of our service. We introduced postal testing during Covid-19 pandemic and continue to offer testing kits that can be dropped back to service sites since then. Main online provision is via private provider (Preventex – 5 tests per day capped). We only code for tests received and processed without input from a HCW (GUMCAD T8) and don't differentiate if these are postal or done on service sites.

**2. What is the average amount of test kits you send out to service users from your sexual health services a day?**

Not able to provide accurate data – approximately 100 per year

**3. What is the maximum amount of test kits you have sent out to service users in a day?**

Not known – maximum numbers would have been during Covid pandemic when face to face access was limited

**4. What is the average percentage of tests that are returned?**

Not able to give current accurate % but >75% are returned

**5. What is the range return rate of the percentage of tests that are returned?**

Not known

For example: One provider has told me, "Return rates typically range between 70% and 95% depending on the region, averaging between 75-80%."

**6. How much does your STI test cost to produce, send out and process, including pathology (the cost of processing the samples)? Please contact ....?Peter Taylor peter.j.taylor@nhs.net/Hayley Alton hayley.alton@nhs.net for this information.**

Average £12.10

Please provide this data in a spreadsheet format such as excel.

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

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