

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information:

- The total number of Influenza A/B, COVID-19, and RSV diagnostic tests performed by your Trust during the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, broken down by test type.
- If available, please indicate the type of tests used (e.g., rapid antigen, rapid molecular, RT-PCR).
- Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.

Thank you for your request for information regarding the number and type of Influenza A/B, COVID-19, and RSV diagnostic tests performed during the calendar years 2024 and 2025, including test methodologies and positivity rates.

The information requested relates to pathology and laboratory testing activity. At Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBTH), pathology services are provided under a novated managed service arrangement by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Under this arrangement, responsibility for laboratory testing activity, including virology testing, laboratory information systems, testing methodologies, activity volumes, and associated positivity data, sits with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. As a result, DBTH does not hold recorded information relating to:

- The total number of Influenza A/B, COVID-19, or RSV diagnostic tests performed
- Breakdowns by test type (e.g. RT-PCR, rapid molecular, antigen testing)
- Positivity rates associated with these tests

In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority is required to confirm whether it holds the information requested. As DBTH does not hold this information due to the novated pathology service arrangement, it is unable to provide the information requested.

You may wish to direct your request to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, who are the public authority responsible for holding this information. sth.foi@nhs.net

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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