

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 diagnostic tests performed for Group A Streptococcus (Strep A) 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, culture).
- Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBTH) does **not hold** the information you have requested.

Pathology services at DBTH

While diagnostic tests are undertaken for DBTH patients, Pathology services (including Microbiology) are provided and managed by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust under a hosted pathology service arrangement. As a result:

- The laboratory systems used to record and report diagnostic testing activity are held and maintained by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- DBTH does not have direct access to the full laboratory datasets required to answer your questions
- DBTH does **not hold** centrally collated data on:
 - The total number of Group A Streptococcus (Strep A) diagnostic tests
 - Breakdowns by test type (e.g. rapid antigen, molecular, culture)
 - Positivity rates associated with those tests

Accordingly, this information is not held by DBTH for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act.

Advice and assistance

In line with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), you may wish to submit your request directly to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, who hold the relevant Pathology and Microbiology testing data and should be able to consider your request.

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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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