Our Ref:143 June 2026

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

Q1. Do you provide autoantibody testing for diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes?
Answer: Yes. Testing is available to DBTH patients through pathology services provided by South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology (SYBP).

Q1a. If yes, please indicate which assays are available either onsite or via referral to another laboratory:

- GAD
- IA-2
- ZnT8
- IAA

Answer: The requested laboratory information is held by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology (SYBP). Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold this pathology activity and performance information. Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (duty to advise and assist), you may wish to redirect this part of your request to:

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Q1b. Does your organisation receive requests for Type 1 diabetes autoantibody testing in individuals without clinically diagnosed diabetes (e.g. screening of at-risk relatives or other asymptomatic individuals)?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unknown

Test Category	Onsite Testing	Outsourced/Referred Testing
2025 - GAD only		
2025 - Combination of any of GAD, IA-2 and/or ZnT8		
2025 - IAA only (if available)		
Jan-Mar 2026 - GAD only		
Jan-Mar 2026 - Combination of any of GAD, IA-2 and/or ZnT8		
Jan-Mar 2026 - IAA only (if available)		

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Metric used (if not unique patient numbers): _____

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Q1d. If an external laboratory is used, please provide:

- Laboratory/provider name
- Location

Laboratory/Provider Name	Location
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust / SYBP.	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust / SYBP.

Q2a. If readily available, please provide the number of unique patients in 2025 and Jan–Mar 2026 who tested positive for:

i) One autoantibody
ii) Two or more autoantibodies

Period	Positive for One Autoantibody	Positive for Two or More Autoantibodies
2025 (Calendar Year)		
January–March 2026		

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Q2b. Of the unique patients who tested positive, how many were referred through an early stage/asymptomatic screening programme?

Answer:

The Trust does not hold this information.

Whilst pathology records may contain details of the tests performed and associated results, they do not routinely record or categorise whether a patient was referred through an early-stage or asymptomatic screening programme. Similarly, the Trust does not maintain a central dataset linking positive autoantibody test results to the referral route or clinical indication for testing.

To determine this information would require a manual review of individual patient records to establish the circumstances surrounding each referral and test request. As the information is not held in a reportable format, the Trust is unable to provide the requested figure.

Q3. Please provide the average turnaround time over the last 12 months for Type 1 diabetes autoantibody testing:

- Onsite testing
- Referred testing (if applicable)

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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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