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### Blood Tubes / Tests

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

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.](#) Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Eastern site (Exeter), Northern site (Barnstaple)
2. [How many beds does your hospital or each hospital in your group have?](#) 850 Exeter. 333 Barnstaple.
3. [What hospitals \(names\) does your laboratory serve?](#) Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Eastern site (Exeter), Northern site (Barnstaple).
4. [How many \(~\) bloods tubes arrive in the lab \(pathology specimen reception or SRA\) for a 12-month periods?](#)

Please see table below

LLB_NAME	YEAR	INTERNAL/EXTERNAL	SPECIMEN_COUNT
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	EXTERNAL	234633
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	INTERNAL	105168
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	EXTERNAL	406316
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	INTERNAL	197441
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	EXTERNAL	207175
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	INTERNAL	106026
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	EXTERNAL	979875
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	INTERNAL	554622
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	EXTERNAL	1094429
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	INTERNAL	610679
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	EXTERNAL	883260
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	INTERNAL	489234

LLB_NAME	YEAR	INTERNAL/EXTERNAL	TEST_COUNT
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	EXTERNAL	2614306
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	INTERNAL	1047260
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	EXTERNAL	4682550
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	INTERNAL	1951023
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	EXTERNAL	2482448
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	INTERNAL	1088165
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	EXTERNAL	11945130
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	INTERNAL	5855158
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	EXTERNAL	13319919
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	INTERNAL	6469162
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	EXTERNAL	10691046
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	INTERNAL	5112009

5. How many patients does this represent?

Please see table below

LLB_NAME	YEAR	INTERNAL/EXTERNAL	PATIENT_COUNT
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	EXTERNAL	55212
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2022	INTERNAL	18174
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	EXTERNAL	77176
BLOOD SCIENCES (NDH)	2023	INTERNAL	30268
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	EXTERNAL	61609
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2020	INTERNAL	17297
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	EXTERNAL	187274
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2021	INTERNAL	65431
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	EXTERNAL	216048
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2022	INTERNAL	76429
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	EXTERNAL	193320
BLOOD SCIENCES (RDE)	2023	INTERNAL	70196

6. What % of the blood tubes that arrive in the SRA (specimen reception) need to be re-labelled with a bar coded label? <1%
7. What % of tubes that arrive direct from primary care need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyser? <1%
8. What % of tubes that arrive from secondary care requests need to be re-labelled to pass through the analyser? <1%
9. What is the split between blood tests that arrive from primary care and what proportion from hospital care? Primary care 55%, Secondary Care 45%.
10. For hospital patients what proportion of blood tests are from inpatients (X%) and what proportion are from outpatients? Inpatients 85% Outpatients 15%
11. For primary care patients: What is the split between blood tests taken in primary care (%), hospital phlebotomy (%), CDC phlebotomy (%) or other (%)? Primary care (98%), hospital phlebotomy (1%), CDC phlebotomy (1%)