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STI Postal Test kits

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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 1st 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).

1. For the past five years, how many STI postal test kits were sent out to service users from your sexual health service? I would like the data from the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023?
2. On average for each year specified, what was the proportion of tests successfully returned to the trust? If there is an estimated range, please provide as an estimated range
3. What is the total overall cost spent by your NHS trust on all STI tests to send out and process, including pathology (the cost of processing the samples) each year? I would like the data from the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023?

Please see Trust answers below:

| | Q1 - Total sent out | Q2 - Average % returned | Q3 - Total Costs |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 18/19 | 4,502 | 71.1% | £72,090 |
| 19/20 | 5,889 | 70.5% | £93,906 |
| 20/21 | 16,053 | 76.6% | £344,285 |
| 21/22 | 17,212 | 73.2% | £358,154 |
| 22/23 | 17,930 | 72.1% | £362,219 |