

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 16th July 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

I am researching the use of NHS England's seven Genomic Laboratory Hubs (GLHs) by a selection of hospitals in England.

For the period 1st January to 30th June 2024 please provide the following information.

1. How many individual requests were sent by your trust to GLHs. (We do not wish you to incur additional work, and are looking for readily available information. For the purpose of this research, we are defining one request as a request for testing for an individual patient, which may comprise one or more samples of tissue or blood sent at the same time. If you record tests/ requests in a different way, please provide information readily available and state the definition used)

101 requests

2. How many requests (using the same definition as 1) for tests which are included within the National Genomic Test Directory were

a) processed by your own laboratory

0

b) sent to another NHS laboratory (not part of a GLH)

0 (2 cases sent to Royal Marsden GLH -colorectal)

c) sent to a commercial laboratory

0 for molecular tests included within the Genomic Test Directory

3. If the answer to 2c is greater than 0, please list the three laboratories to which you sent the most requests, with the number of requests sent to each in the period

N/A

4. Do you measure the average turnaround time for requests sent to GLHs?

Yes

5. If the answer to 4 is yes, please provide the number of percentage of tests where the turnaround time is

Tests	<7	8-14	15-28	>28
M1.1	15%	78%	7%	
M1.5 & 215.2	15%	23%	31%	31%
M218.1			60%	40%
M3.6 & M215		50%	50%	
M4.1 & M4.2	14%	39%	44%	3%
M7.1 7 M7.2	8%	75%	17%	

Total for all tests

- 1) less than 7 days 13%
- b) 8 days to 2 weeks 47%
- c) 15 days to 4 weeks 34%
- d) over 4 weeks 6%

6. Are concerns relating to turnaround times from GLH's mentioned in any risks on any risk registers within your organisation

No formal concerns raised in risks or risk register.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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