

Thursday 19th December 2024

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 10th December 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Names of hospitals under your NHS Trust

Milton Keynes NHS Trust

2. Does your hospital perform blood tests or are they outsourced to an external laboratory?

The Trust pathology dept perform the tests

- a. Hospital based tests
- b. External laboratory (please name)

3. How many blood tubes are received in pathology reception each year?

Approximately 1,028,062

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received 3.4 million tubes (*please amend with actual number if known*)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

4. If you do not know the answer to (3). How many patients have blood tests in your laboratory each year.

Approximately 143,536

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received blood test requests for 1.2 million patients (*please amend with actual number if known*)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000

- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

5. Roughly what % of blood tests arrive from Primary Care and Secondary care respectively?

Primary Care: 49.18%
Secondary Care: 50.82%

6. Roughly what % of all total blood tests arriving to your reception need re-labelling so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser?

59.59%

7. Roughly what % of blood tubes that arrive from Primary or Secondary Care need to be re-labelled so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser.

Primary Care: 100% need to be re-labelled before analysis
Secondary Care: 5.06 % need to be re-labelled before analysis

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

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

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