



**Kent and Medway**  
NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

Information Governance & Records Management Department

Farm Villa  
Hermitage Lane  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME16 9PH

Sent via email

Tel: 01795 514525

Email: [kmpt.infoaccess@nhs.net](mailto:kmpt.infoaccess@nhs.net)  
Website: [www.kmpt.nhs.uk](http://www.kmpt.nhs.uk)

Dear Harish,

### Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 47856 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Blood Tests

Your request is set out below:

I would like to request the following information for the period 2021-2022 or 2022-2023, whichever is more readily available.

1. Names of hospitals under your NHS Trust

**Please use the following link to view all Trust sites within the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust - [KMPT | Our services | Page 1](#)**

2. Does your hospital perform blood tests or are they outsourced to an external laboratory?
  - a. Hospital based tests
  - b. External laboratory (please name)

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

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.

**We are proud to be smoke free**

Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

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 X%

Secondary Care X%

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?

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: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis

Secondary Care: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis

**The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust does not perform blood tests, these are performed by the Acute Hospital Trusts in the Kent and Medway area who should be contacted directly for response to questions 2-7.**

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance Department