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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 46345 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

CRp, HS-crp & IP(A) Clinical Biochemical Markers

Your request is set out below:

1. What is the size of your trust's serviceable population?
In order to obtain this information please contact the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board directly kmicb.foi@nhs.net
2. How many patients has the trust tested for the following clinical biochemical markers in the last 12 months?
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))
3. Is there a limit to the frequency of the following tests per patient?
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))
4. Please provide the name and post code of all the pathology providers in your trust
5. Do you outsource any testing to commercial labs? If yes, please provide the names of each commercial provider

Please answer the following questions for each pathology provider in your trust

6. Does the laboratory currently offer testing for the following?
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))
7. What is the average turnaround time for an outpatient from blood sample collection to sharing of results for CRP and hs-CRP?

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8. Is CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?
9. Is hs-CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?
10. What machines are used to conduct CRP testing in your laboratory?
11. What machines are used to conduct hs-CRP testing in your laboratory?
12. What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for CRP?
13. What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for hs-CRP?
14. How many requests for measurement of CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?
15. How many requests for measurement of hs-CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?
16. What is the maximum number of CRP tests that your laboratory can conduct in one month?
17. What is the maximum number of hs-CRP tests that laboratory can conduct in one month?
18. What is the cost of running a single CRP test in your laboratory? *Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.*
19. What is the cost of running a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory? *Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.*
20. How much are you reimbursed for a single CRP test in your laboratory?
21. How much are you reimbursed for a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory?

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust provide the mental health care and treatment for the Kent and Medway area.

If a patient has physical health concerns they are transferred to an Acute Hospital who would carry out any required physical health tests. We are therefore not able to provide a response to questions 2-21.

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.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department