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## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to HCV testing.

- 1. As of the beginning of 2017, do you offer a clinical HCV testing service?  
If you have selected send-out testing above, to which laboratory do you send samples for PD-L1 testing?*
- 2. What type of clinical HCV testing do you offer?  
How frequently are HCV antibody runs performed in the lab?  
What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV antibody testing?*

1. As of the beginning of 2017, do you offer a clinical HCV testing service?

X Yes, In-house service  
X Yes, Send-out to another laboratory

HVC RNA is sent to ViaPath at Kings College Hospital
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2. What type of clinical HCV testing do you offer?

X HCV Antibody testing. If yes, please provide the following information:

Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV Antibody Testing	460 per month
Average Positivity Rate for HCV Antibody Testing	13 per month
How frequently are HCV antibody runs performed in the lab?	<input type="checkbox"/> On sample receipt      X Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a week <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to	24-48 hours

result reporting, for HCV antibody testing?	
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X HCV RNA testing. If yes, please provide the following information:  
HVC RNA is sent to ViaPath at Kings College Hospital

Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV RNA Testing	33 per month
Average Positivity Rate for HCV RNA Testing	16 per month
How frequently are HCV RNA runs performed in the lab?	<input type="checkbox"/> On sample receipt Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a week Weekly
What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV RNA testing?	Average 14-20 days up to 33 days.