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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. Do you currently offer a clinical testing service for HCV?

- Yes, In-house service
- Yes, Send-out to another laboratory
- No

If you have selected send-out testing above, to which laboratory do you send samples for HCV testing?

2. What type of clinical HCV testing do you offer?

- HCV Antibody testing
- HCV RNA testing
- HCV Genotyping
- HCV Drug resistance testing
- Other. Please Specify:

3. If you are offering HCV antibody testing as well as HCV RNA testing, what is the laboratory algorithm used for testing?

- RNA testing is automatically performed as a reflex test dependant on the Antibody result
- The HCV antibody result is reported to the clinician and RNA testing is only performed when specifically requested by the clinician

4. HCV antibody testing details:

Is HCV antibody testing performed using a kit or laboratory developed technique? If appropriate, please specify kit details:
What platform is used for HCV antibody testing?
What is the laboratory turnaround time for HCV antibody testing?
How frequently is HCV antibody testing performed (on sample receipt, daily, twice a week, monthly)?

5. HCV RNA testing details:

Is HCV RNA testing performed using a kit or laboratory developed technique? If appropriate, please specify kit details:
What platform is used for HCV RNA testing?
What is the laboratory turnaround time for HCV RNA testing?
How frequently is HCV RNA testing performed (on sample receipt, daily, twice a week, monthly)?

6. HCV sample volume:

	Annual Sample Volume 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2015- 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2016	Positivity Rate 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2015- 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2016
HCV Antibody testing		
HCV RNA testing		
HCV Genotyping (If applicable)		
HCV Drug resistance testing (If applicable)		

1. Yes, In-house service
2. HCV Antibody testing  
  
HCV RNA testing (referred away)  
  
HCV Genotyping (referred away)
3. RNA testing is automatically performed as a reflex test dependant on the Antibody result
- 4.

Is HCV antibody testing performed using a kit or laboratory developed technique?	Kit  Abbott Architect HCV
What platform is used for HCV antibody testing?	Abbott Architect
What is the laboratory turnaround time for HCV	24 hours

antibody testing?	
How frequently is HCV antibody testing performed  (on sample receipt, daily, twice a week, monthly)?	Daily (five days per week)

5.

Is HCV RNA testing performed using a kit or laboratory developed technique?	Referred away
What platform is used for HCV RNA testing?	Referred away
What is the laboratory turnaround time for HCV RNA testing?	Reference lab 7 days
How frequently is HCV RNA testing performed  (on sample receipt, daily, twice a week, monthly)?	Not known

6.

	Annual Sample Volume 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2015- 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2016	Positivity Rate 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2015- 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2016
HCV Antibody testing	5800 approx.	Data not collected
HCV RNA testing	240 approx.	Data not collected
HCV Genotyping (If applicable)	28	Data not collected
HCV Drug resistance testing (If applicable)	None	Data not collected