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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. What sample types do you routinely process for HCV testing?*

- ☐ Blood: Yes / No
- ☐ Clinical testing (Please delete if not appropriate)
- ☐ Currently validating service (Please delete if not appropriate)
- ☐ Research Purposes Only (Please delete if not appropriate)
- ☐ Dried Blood Spot: Yes / No
- ☐ Clinical testing (Please delete if not appropriate)
- ☐ Currently validating service (Please delete if not appropriate)
- ☐ Research Purposes Only (Please delete if not appropriate)

*2. For the clinical HCV testing offered can you please provide data by sample type:*

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

Sample Type: Blood Dried Blood Spot

Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV Antibody Testing

Average Positivity Rate for HCV Antibody Testing

How frequently are HCV antibody runs performed in the lab? ☐ On sample receipt ☐ Daily

☐ Twice a week ☐ Weekly ☐ On sample receipt ☐ Daily

☐ Twice a week ☐ Weekly

What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV antibody testing?

- ☐ HCV RNA testing. If yes, please provide the following information:

Sample Type: Blood Dried Blood Spot

Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV RNA Testing

Average Positivity Rate for HCV RNA Testing

How frequently are HCV RNA runs performed in the lab? ☐ On sample receipt ☐ Daily

☐ Twice a week ☐ Weekly ☐ On sample receipt ☐ Daily

☐ Twice a week ☐ Weekly

*What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV RNA testing?*

1. What sample types do you routinely process for HCV testing?

o Blood: Yes

o Dried Blood Spot: No

2. For the clinical HCV testing offered can you please provide data by sample type:

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

Sample Type:	Blood	Dried Blood Spot
Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV Antibody Testing	560	n/a
Average Positivity Rate for HCV Antibody Testing	Not recorded	
How frequently are HCV antibody runs performed in the lab?	<input type="checkbox"/> On sample receipt (Mon-Fri)	n/a
What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV antibody testing?	Within day if negative. Positives confirmed by ref lab.	

o HCV RNA testing. If yes, please provide the following information:

Sample Type:	Blood	Dried Blood Spot
Average Monthly Sample Volume for HCV RNA Testing	27	n/a
Average Positivity Rate for HCV RNA Testing	Not recorded	
How frequently are HCV RNA runs performed in the lab?	Referred to ref lab	
What is the lab turnaround time; from sample receipt to result reporting, for HCV RNA testing?	10 days	