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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 Laboratory medicine services.

You asked:

I would like to request the following information applicable for year 2016-2017:

1. Regarding the following diagnostic procedures/tests:
 - a. Complete (Full) blood cell count (FBC)
 - b. C-Reactive Protein (CRP)
 - c. Procalcitonin (PCT)
 - d. Chemistry panel/Serum electrolytes
 - e. Blood gas
 - f. Blood culture
 - g. Urine culture
 - h. Sputum culture
 - i. Stool (faeces) culture
 - j. Multiplexed PCR panels for pathogen identification
 - k. Viral serology (Antibody ID panel)
 - l. Lumbar puncture (Cerebro Spinal Fluid cytology)
 - m. Urine stick/Rapid urine test (Urine dipstix)
 - n. Chest x-ray
 - o. Rapid viral (RSV/FLU) diagnostic test
2. The total number of diagnostic procedures/tests performed in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust as given in the table below.
3. The unit cost for said diagnostic procedures/tests for the requested year.
4. The total cost for said diagnostic procedures/tests for the requested year.

Trust response:

Financial year 2016-2017				Comments
	Number of tests	Unit cost	Total cost	

Complete (Full) blood cell count (FBC)	491,641	**	**	
C-Reactive Protein (CRP)	251688	**	**	
Procalcitonin (PCT)	17	**	**	
Chemistry panel/Serum electrolytes	494,604	**	**	
Blood gas				Data not held by Pathology
Blood culture	15243	**	**	
Urine culture	112438	**	**	
Sputum culture	8400	**	**	
Stool (faeces) culture -*	Not performed			* = Faeces culture replaced PCR
Multiplexed PCR panels for pathogen identification**	14764	**	**	** = Multiplex PCR for enteric pathogens
Viral serology (Antibody ID panel)	Unclear what tests are required			
Lumbar puncture (Cerebro Spinal Fluid cytology)	63	**	**	Cytology only
Urine stick/Rapid urine test (Urine dipstix)				Data not held by Pathology
Chest x-ray	66,475	**	**	
Rapid viral (RSV) diagnostic test	248	**	**	
Rapid viral (FLU) diagnostic test	184	**	**	

** The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).