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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 Blood grouping analyser.

*You asked:*

*Question 1: Does your Trust have a blood transfusion service?*

*If yes, please answer the following questions about your blood group analysers:*

*Question 2: Who is the analyser manufacturer?*

*Question 3: What is the make and model type of analyser?*

*Question 4: What percentage of false positive results do you see with this analyser for blood grouping and antibody screening? (Only include false positives caused by external contaminants or analyser failures)*

*Question 5: How many group and screen samples do you test per year?*

*Question 6: Do you provide electronic issue of red cells?*

*Question 7: Do you provide automated crossmatching using your analysers?*

*Question 8: Do you have an agreed blood ordering schedule?*

Trust response:

Question 1: Yes

If yes, please answer the following questions about your blood group analysers:

Question 2: Immunocor

Question 3: Echo x4

Question 4: We have no need to collect this data as we do not see an unacceptable level of 'false' positives.

Question 5: 48,513 (2017)

Question 6: No

Question 7: No

Question 8: Yes