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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 Pharmacy Services.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

1. *What is the size of your trust's serviceable population?*
2. *How many patients has the trust tested for the following clinical biochemical markers in the last 12 months?*
 - a. *C-reactive protein (CRP)*
 - b. *High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)*
 - c. *Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))*
3. *Is there a limit to the frequency of the following tests per patient?*
 - a. *C-reactive protein (CRP)*
 - b. *High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)*
 - c. *Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))*
4. *Please provide the name and post code of all the pathology providers in your trust*
5. *Do you outsource any testing to commercial labs? If yes, please provide the names of each commercial provider*
Please answer the following questions for each pathology provider in your trust
6. *Does the laboratory currently offer testing for the following?*
 - a. *C-reactive protein (CRP)*
 - b. *High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)*
 - c. *Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))*
7. *What is the average turnaround time for an outpatient from blood sample collection to sharing of results for CRP and hs-CRP?*
8. *Is CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?*
9. *Is hs-CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?*
10. *What machines are used to conduct CRP testing in your laboratory?*
11. *What machines are used to conduct hs-CRP testing in your laboratory?*

12. *What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for CRP?*
13. *What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for hs-CRP?*
14. *How many requests for measurement of CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?*
15. *How many requests for measurement of hs-CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?*
16. *What is the maximum number of CRP tests that your laboratory can conduct in one month?*
17. *What is the maximum number of hs-CRP tests that laboratory can conduct in one month?*
18. *What is the cost of running a single CRP test in your laboratory? Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.*
19. *What is the cost of running a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory? Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.*
20. *How much are you reimbursed for a single CRP test in your laboratory?*
21. *How much are you reimbursed for a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory?*

Trust response:

1. Around 760,000 people living in the south of west Kent and the north of East Sussex.
2.
 - a. 132167
 - b. Not applicable
 - c. 254
3.
 - a. No
 - b. Not applicable
 - c. No
4. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Pathology ME16 9QQ
5. Synnovis
6.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Yes sent to Synnovis
7. 24 Hours
8. Standalone
9. Not applicable
10. Roche c702 c503
11. Not applicable
12. The Trust would send out a report as less than 1 mg/L
13. Not applicable
14. 348611
15. Not applicable
16. 30,000
17. Not applicable
18. The Trust is applying Section 43 to this question.

19. Not applicable

20. The Trust is applying Section 43 to this question

21. The Trust is applying Section 43 to this question.