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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I would like to request data on lipid testing carried out by your laboratory for the fiscal years (1st April to 31st March) 2022, 2023 and 2024. Specifically, I am seeking the annual number of lipid-related blood tests processed, broken down by referral source and test type.

1. **Please provide the total number of lipid-related blood tests originating from each of the following referral sources:**
 - a. **Hospitals (inpatient and outpatient)**
 - b. **General Practice (GP)**
 - c. **Community services (including home sampling kits and other community- based services)**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI REF 25-557'.](#)

2. **For each referral source, please also provide a breakdown of the total number of lipid-related blood tests by the following test types:**

I understand that a lipid profile typically includes measurements of total cholesterol, HDL, and LDL. However, if some of these tests are requested individually rather than as part of a full panel, please report each type separately.

- a. **Lipid profile (full panel)**
- b. **Total cholesterol (individual test)**
- c. **HDL cholesterol (individual test)**
- d. **LDL cholesterol (individual test)**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI REF 25-557'.](#)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

FOI REF: 25/557 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust**Question 1: Financial Year 2022/23**

Profile	Referral Source	Test_Expansion	Count
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	9074
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	9074
Lipid Profile	General Practice	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	8659
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Cholesterol	9074
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	9074
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum HDL Cholesterol	9074
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Triglyceride	9074
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	762
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Triglyceride	798
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	2127
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	2127
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	2048
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol	2126
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	2127
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	2127
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Triglyceride	2127

Question 2:

Referral Source	Test_Expansion	Count
General Practice	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	123427
General Practice	Serum Cholesterol	123608
General Practice	Serum HDL Cholesterol	123445
Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	4023
Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol	4691
Hospital - Inpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	4026
Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	4963
Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol	5076
Hospital - Outpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	4985

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Profile	Referral Source	Test_Expansion	Count
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	8994
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	8994
Lipid Profile	General Practice	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	8994
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Cholesterol	8995
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	8994
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum HDL Cholesterol	8994
Lipid Profile	General Practice	Serum Triglyceride	8995
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	1001
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Triglyceride	1000
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	2673
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated Non-HDL Cholesterol	2673
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	LDL Cholesterol (Sampson Eqn)	2673
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol	2673
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol/ HDL ratio	2672
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	2673
Lipid Profile	Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Triglyceride	2673

Question 2:

Referral Source	Test_Expansion	Count
General Practice	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	134310
General Practice	Serum Cholesterol	134418
General Practice	Serum HDL Cholesterol	134321
Hospital - Inpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	4352
Hospital - Inpatient	Serum Cholesterol	4844
Hospital - Inpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	4354
Hospital - Outpatient	Calculated LDL Cholesterol	4724
Hospital - Outpatient	Serum Cholesterol	4893
Hospital - Outpatient	Serum HDL Cholesterol	4776