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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:

- 1. The total number of Influenza A/B, COVID 19, and RSV diagnostic tests performed by your Trust during the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, broken down by test type.**
- 2. If available, please indicate the type of tests used (e.g., rapid antigen, rapid molecular, RT PCR).**
- 3. Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.**

Please see the attached document - '26-055 - ESHT FOI Respiratory information 2024 2025' for a response to your questions above.

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
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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Microbiology Data:

Respiratory in house Molecular Rapid PCR - 1st January to 31st December 2024			
	Total	Positive	Negative
SARS-Coronavirus-2 Rapid PCR	5311	376	4935
Influenza A Rapid PCR	5252	678	4574
Infleunza B Rapid PCR	5312	193	5119
RSV Rapid PCR	5310	469	4841

Respiratory in house Molecular Rapid PCR - 1st January to 31st December 2025			
	Total	Positive	Negative
SARS-Coronavirus-2 Rapid PCR	6621	216	6405
Influenza A Rapid PCR	6550	1112	5438
Infleunza B Rapid PCR	6631	130	6501
RSV Rapid PCR	6620	440	6180

Microbiology Data:

RSV Rapid card antigen test - 1st January to 31st December 2024			
	Total	Positive	Negative
RSV antigen card antigen	5	0	5

RSV Rapid card antigen test - 1st January to 31st December 2025			
	Total	Positive	Negative
RSV antigen card antigen	31	5	26

Infection Control Data:

Covid Rapid Antigen Test - 1st January to 31st December 2024			
	Total	Positive	Negative
Covid Rapid Antigen Test	865	865	-

Covid Rapid Antigen Test - 1st January to 31st December 2025			
	Total	Positive	Negative
Covid Rapid Antigen Test	159	159	-