

FOI REF: 26/317

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

This request relates to the outsourcing or insourcing of spirometry and other related respiratory tests.

- 1) **During the financial year ended 31st March 2026, how many of each of the following tests (to the nearest 10%) were undertaken by the authority, excluding those provided by insourcing companies or those outsourced:**
 - a) **Spirometry tests (including reversibility tests)?**
 - b) **Feno tests?**

Please see the table below which provides the number of patients and the number of tests undertaken, during 2025/26:

Procedure Description	Number of Patients	Number of Tests
Bronchial reaction studies		
NCCS	264	308
Spirometry	4117	9838
FeNo	356	441

- 2) **During the financial year ended 31st March 2026, how many Spirometry tests (to the nearest 10%) were:**
 - a) **Outsourced to private providers?**
Zero.
 - b) **Provided by insourcing companies?**
Zero.

3) Please name all private providers and insourcing companies who provided more than 50 spirometry tests to the trust in the year to 31st March 2026.

Not applicable.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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