FOI REF: 26/556

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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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:

I am writing under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to formally request information regarding how your Trust delivers pathology and laboratory services.

For each of the broad test categories listed below, I would like to receive data covering the following financial years (1 April to 31 March): FY2019/20, FY2020/21, FY2021/22, FY2022/23, FY2023/24 and FY2024/25

The broad test categories are:

- **Haematology and coagulation**
- **Blood bank**
- **Clinical Biochemistry**
- **Microbiology & Virology**
- **Immunology**
- **Histopathology & Cellular Pathology (including Cytology)**
- **Genetics & Molecular Pathology**
- **Point of Care Testing (POCT)**

For each category above, please could you provide:

1. **Test volumes: the total number of tests/samples processed, by year, for each of the years listed above.**

2. **Service delivery model: whether the category is delivered in-house, via a joint venture/partnership, or fully outsourced to a third party, and the name of the partner organisation, JV entity, or outsourced provider in each case.**

3. **Contract details: the name of the current contract holder/provider, the contract start date, and the date the contract is next due for renewal or re-tender.**

Please see the attached document: 'FOI 26-556 Pathology and Laboratory Services'.

Please note that it is not possible for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) to provide information regarding Genetics & Molecular Pathology, as this testing is commissioned

nationally. This testing is all conducted at the centralised genomic hubs. ESHT's hub is South East Genomic Laboratory Hub, led by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

The contact information for South East Genomics can be accessed via the link below:

Contact - South East Genomics : South East Genomics

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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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: Pathology and Laboratory Services – Volumes, Delivery Model and Contract Renewals

NHS Trust: East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Completed by (name, role): Procurement/Pathology/FOI
Date completed: 30/10/2026

Instructions: please complete one row per broad test category below. If a category is split across more than one delivery model or provider (e.g. partly in-house, partly outsourced), please copy the row and provide one row per split. Cells shaded yellow are for you to complete. An example row (Row 10) is provided for illustration and should be overwritten with your own data.

Broad Test Category	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY2019/20	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY2020/21	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY2021/22	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY22/23	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY23/24	Test Volume (# of tests) – FY2024/25	Delivery Model (In-house / JV-Partnership / Fully Outsourced)	Partner / Provider Name (if JV or Outsourced)	Contract Start Date	Contract Renewal / Re-tender Date	Comments (optional)
EXAMPLE: Clinical Biochemistry	*1,250,000*	*1,310,000*	*1,298,000*	*1,355,000*	*1,402,000*	*1,430,000*	*Fully Outsourced*	*Synnovis Ltd*	*01/04/2021*	*31/03/2028*	*7-year managed service contract*
Blood Sciences (Haematology & Coagulation)	786,473	664,515	801,760	804,053	831,386	866,354	Partially outsourced (low volume non-urgent)	Synnovis	02/09/2025	31/08/2027	None
Blood bank	69,473	61,965	71,267	71,885	75,695	74,620	In house	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	None
Clinical Biochemistry	7,016,821	5,588,608	6,938,534	7,686,608	8,129,205	8,728,441	Partially outsourced (low volume non-urgent)	Synnovis	02/09/2025	31/08/2027	None
Microbiology & Virology	865,607	683,218	796,337	872,952	918,403	938,970	Virtually all in House (TB testing outsourced)	University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	17/09/2019	Currently in progress	None
Immunology	59,741	48,382	61,026	62,291	66,024	61,606	Partially outsourced (low volume non-urgent)	Synnovis	02/09/2025	31/08/2027	None
Histopathology & Cellular Pathology (incl. Cytology)	156,141	122,234	168,435	159,534	148,934	157,308	In house (some reporting occurs with outsourced companies)	Source Bioscience/LDPath & Diagnexia	SBS/LDPath 01/01/2023 Diagnexia 01/09/25	SBS/LDPath 31/12/26 Diagnexia 31/08/27	None
Genetics & Molecular Pathology	Not available at ESHT.	Not available at ESHT.	Not available at ESHT.	Not available at ESHT.	Not available at ESHT.	Not available at ESHT.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None
Point of Care Testing (POCT)	423,052	387,205	439,037	469,663	460,932	501,376	In House	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None
Other (please specify)	None	None	None	None	None	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None