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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0323

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. How many laboratories (please include breakdown of sites/disciplines if possible) are there in your Trust? **1**
2. What is the headcount of laboratory staff (please include breakdown of sites/departments/roles if possible) in your Trust? **78 – 31 Blood Sciences, 21 Cell Pathology, 18 microbiology**
3. How many patient samples or ‘reportable laboratory activities’ are processed (please include breakdown of sites/departments if possible) by your Trust’s laboratories each year (please include the three most recent available years’ numbers)?

	2017/8	2016/7	2015/6
TESTS	5.1M	4.95M	4.82M
Blood sciences	90.4%	90%	90%
Cell Path	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%
Microbiology	7.5%	7.9%	7.7%

4. What number (and percentage) of your Trust’s patients have a sample processed in a laboratory as part of their treatment? **Data not known**
5. How many patient samples are taken by your Trust but not processed/analysed by your Trust’s laboratory staff? (IE: outsourced) **Blood sciences – 11 806, Cell Pathology – 850, Microbiology - 3177**
6. If any, where are outsourced patient samples sent? (please include company names/addresses and number of samples sent each year) **Full set of data not readily available. Samples sent to local hospitals including Birmingham, Worcester and Bristol.**

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Hereford
HR1 2DX
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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Telephone: 01625 545 745 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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