

## **NCC-040051-19 Pathology or Laboratory testing- testing costs**

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent request for information under the freedom of information act, please see Nottinghamshire county Councils response.

It is not possible for the LA to supply accurate information on pathology testing due to STI testing being part of a tariff that includes a medical consultation or postal costs if via an on line service.

Your FOI is seeking laboratory costs i.e. testing for STIs however the service we have includes the cost of posting the kit, the testing kit itself and returning the kit in free post for the citizen. So the lab costs are within this and not possible to separate out. We also commission an Integrated Sexual Health Service from three NHS Trusts and pay all other Trusts national a STI testing costs but these are covered in a tariff so are not solely Lab costs.

The spend for the three years on the service costs in relation to STIs via our On Line STI testing are:

1) How much did the local authority spend in each of the past three financial years on pathology testing in each of the following areas:

- Testing relating to sexually transmitted diseases

2) Please list the amount spent in each year with any pathology laboratories (including NHS) with which the authority spent over £25,000 in any calendar year

2016/17 £1,842  
2017/18 £18,635  
2018/19 £53,202

### **Extra information for NCC to consider if needs be to share**

The above financial information relates to Public Health contracts relating to Sexual Health budget and sexual health services which are a mandated requirement of LA to commission. If question 2 is seeking who the provider of the laboratory is then the answer is Preventx– interpreted it as just the amount in each year and not who with

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottscc.gov.uk) .

Kind Regards

Complaints and Information Team  
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County Hall

Dear FOI Team,

**Subject: Spend on Pathology or Laboratory testing**

1) How much did the local authority spend in each of the past three financial years on pathology testing in each of the following areas:

- Testing relating to sexually transmitted diseases
- Testing related to public health issues (such as screening for latent tuberculosis)
- Other testing

2) Please list the amount spent in each year with any pathology laboratories (including NHS) with which the authority spent over £25,000 in any calendar year