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I am responding to your request for information received 1 November 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Request:

Question 1: What is the size of your trust's serviceable population?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/2022-2023%20Annual%20Report%20%26%20Accounts%20FINAL%20%281%29.pdf>

Question 2: How many patients has the trust tested for the following clinical biochemical markers in the last 12 months?

- a) C-reactive protein (CRP)**
- b) High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
- c) Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Is there a limit to the frequency of the following tests per patient?

- a) C-reactive protein (CRP)**
- b) High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
- c) Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: Please provide the name and post code of all the pathology providers in your trust

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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Question 5: Do you outsource any testing to commercial labs? If yes, please provide the names of each commercial provider

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: Does the laboratory currently offer testing for the following?

- a) C-reactive protein (CRP)**
- b) High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
- c) Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 7: What is the average turnaround time for an outpatient from blood sample collection to sharing of results for CRP and hs-CRP?

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Question 8: Is CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 9: Is hs-CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 10: What machines are used to conduct CRP testing in your laboratory?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 11: What machines are used to conduct hs-CRP testing in your laboratory?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 11 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 12: What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for CRP?

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Question 13: What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for hs-CRP?

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Question 14: How many requests for measurement of CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?

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Question 15: How many requests for measurement of hs-CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 15 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 16: What is the maximum number of CRP tests that your laboratory can conduct in one month?

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Question 17: What is the maximum number of hs-CRP tests that laboratory can conduct in one month?

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Question 18: What is the cost of running a single CRP test in your laboratory? Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 18 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 19: What is the cost of running a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory?
Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost
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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 19 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 20: How much are you reimbursed for a single CRP test in your laboratory?

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Question 21: How much are you reimbursed for a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 21 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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