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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ05639**

Thank you for your recent request for information. Your request has been considered under the above Act.

You have requested the following information:

**REQ05639 – Sexual Health Postal Testing Kits**

**(1) the amount spent in pounds sterling on sexual health postal testing kits (which are sent through the post to a person's home and then returned by them for analysis) in the past three financial years: 2018-19; 2017-18; 2016-17 – up to the latest year for which data is held.**

Coventry City Council directly commissions an online HIV self-sampling service, as part of a national PHE procurement. Coventry has provided free HIV self-sampling kits to Coventry residents since October 2015 via this contract. This contract was funded prior to 2016/17 – 2018/19.

All other sexual health postal testing kits are provided through our Integrated Sexual Health Service. Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is commissioned by Coventry City Council to provide an integrated sexual health service, delivering a range of interventions including STI self-testing using postal kits. We do not hold information

about these. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact:

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust  
Wayside House  
Wilsons Lane  
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**(2) the number of sexual health postal testing kits sent to persons in the past three years (figures for each year)**

With regard to HIV online self-sampling kits:

2016-17 – sent out 549  
2017-18 – sent out 601  
2018-19 – sent out 663

All other sexual health postal testing kits are provided through our Integrated Sexual Health Service, as per question 1.

**(3) the number of sexual health postal testing kits returned to the authority in the same years (figures for each year)**

With regard to HIV online self-sampling kits:

2016-17– received 295  
2017-18 – received 345  
2018-19 – received 376

All other sexual health postal testing kits are provided through our Integrated Sexual Health Service, as per question 1.

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Yours sincerely

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