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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06247**

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

You have requested the following information:

**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:**

**a. Testing relating to sexually transmitted diseases**

2016/17 – 2018/19:

The majority of tests relating to sexually transmitted diseases in Coventry are provided through the Council's contract for Integrated Sexual Health Services, provided by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. Therefore, we do not hold the information on laboratory pathology testing costs. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact:

Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Wayside House  
Wilsons Lane  
Coventry  
CV6 6NY

The Council also commissions a HIV self sampling service provided by Preventx. We do not hold the information on laboratory pathology costs associated with this service. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact:

Preventx Ltd  
Meadowhall Business Park  
Carbrook Hall Road  
Sheffield  
S9 2EQ

During 2016/17 – 2018/19 the Council has commissioned:

- a Community HIV Testing Service run by our Sexual Health service provider,
- a Lay HIV Testing Service, and
- a Pharmacy HIV Testing Service.

None of these services involve laboratory pathology testing.

**b. Testing related to public health issues (such as screening for latent tuberculosis)**

2016/17 – 2018/19:

The Council is not responsible for latent TB screening for either the contacts of cases living in Coventry or the Latent TB Case Finding Programme. These are the responsibility of NHS Coventry & Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group. Therefore, we do not hold the information on laboratory pathology testing costs. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group for information:

NHS Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)  
Parkside House  
Quinton Road  
Coventry  
CV1 2NJ

The Council commissions Blood Borne Virus testing (HIV, Hep B, Hep C) undertaken by local GPs. The Council doesn't directly commission the laboratory pathology costs for these tests, but made a £7,600 2017/18 contribution to the

additional pathology costs incurred by the commissioner - NHS Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group.

**c. Other testing**

2016/17 – 2018/19:

The local authority does not directly contract for any other laboratory pathology testing; all other testing is conducted within commissioned services which are responsible for the management and payment of testing:

For tests in relation to the NHS Health Check programme (eg. HbA1C) please contact Healthy Living Service Coventry / ICE Creates:

Second Floor Office Suite  
John Sinclair House  
Canal Basin  
Coventry  
CV1 4LY

For tests in relation to HIV, Hepatitis B and C conducted among drug and alcohol users and screening for drugs (eg. opiates, cocaine) please contact change grow live:

1 Lamb Street  
Coventry  
CV1 4AE

**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**

Not applicable. Please see responses to Q1.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its [FOI/EIR Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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