

Freedom of Information Request

Q1 Please break down of all costs associated with PCR testing within the Trust including, but not limited to procurement of PCR test kits, staffing costs and equipment associated with PCR testing, running/hire costs associated with PCR testing centres of all types, laboratory costs associated with PCR testing, advertising/PR, marketing, administration and reporting costs of PCR testing, etc, etc. by month for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Q2 Please break down of all costs associated with SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing within the Trust including, but not limited to procurement of SARS-CoV-2 PCR test kits, staffing costs and equipment associated with SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing, running/hire costs associated with SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing centres of all types, laboratory costs associated with SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing, advertising/PR, marketing, administration and reporting costs of SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing, etc, etc. by month for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Response

The Trust has only been monitoring details of SARS-COV-2 PCR tests since April 2020. This is calculated below and has been broken down into the relevant pay and non-payroll costs.

See attached PDF file.

Q3 Of all the expenditure outlined above in #2, please break down the overall expenditure associated with SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing within the Trust between the money awarded to and/or sub-contracted to private companies/corporations/entities including but not limited to private laboratories compared to expenditures/monies that went to the publicly controlled Trust and health service resources including, but not limited to publicly funded and controlled laboratories.

Response

The costs identified are those incurred and funded through the HSC in Northern Ireland.

December 2021

Lab Costs and Swabbing Costs Split by Main Headings

Main Headings	Apr-20 £000's	May-20 £000's	Jun-20 £000's	Jul-20 £000's	Aug-20 £000's	Sep-20 £000's	Oct-20 £000's	Nov-20 £000's	Dec-20 £000's	Jan-21 £000's	Feb-21 £000's	Mar-21 £000's	Apr-21 £000's	May-21 £000's	Jun-21 £000's	Jul-21 £000's	Aug-21 £000's	Sep-21 £000's	Oct-21 £000's	Nov-21 £000's
Staff Costs									50	23	56	46	118	110	139	101	120	126	91	134
Testing Costs									9	3	8	5	14	15	13	14	13	10	9	12
Lab Costs	125	131	119	126	125	122	128	125	128	157	87	47	120	136	217	164	210	151	276	199
Running / Hire Costs																	10	11	13	15