

Ref. No: 0210  
Date: 22/08/23  
Subject: Blood Tests in Maternity Services

## REQUEST

1. Does the Trust collect and collate any information on the number of each of the following tests ordered for in-patients or out patients\* being seen by Trust maternity services?
    - a. ANA (anti-nuclear antibody) test.
    - b. ENA (extractable nuclear antigen) panel.
    - c. Full Blood Count (FBC).
    - d. Anti-phospholipid anti-body test(s) (for lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibody, anti-beta 2 glycoprotein or any other antiphospholipid antibodies).
- \*By "patients" I mean the women patients, not their babies.
2. Copies of any information (described above at 1(a)-(d)) that the Trust has collected during the most recent 12-month (or other) period for which data is available. Please specify what period is being reported on in the case of each test.

## RESPONSE

Please find information requested below, which covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

<b>Path Lab Investigation Code</b>	<b>Path Lab Investigation Description</b>	<b>Activity Count</b>
ENAP	ENA Antibody Screen	<5
FBC	Full Blood Count	17,155
HAVT	Hep A total antibody	<5
HBS	Anti-HBs antibody	<5
HCOR	Hep B core antibody	7
HCV	Hepatitis C antibody	34
LGCAS	Potassium Channel Antibodies subunits LGI1 and CASPR2	<5
TAA	Tissue Auto Antibody	31

### Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.