

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2223/041

**Subject:** Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2021/22 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)</li> <li>• University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)</li> <li>• North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT)</li> <li>• Royal United Hospital (RUH) Bath</li> </ul>
<p>2. Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2021/22.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency) - £1.116m</li> </ul> <p><b>The following are based on 2019/20 + 3.43% inflation according to the temporary NHS England COVID-19 financial regime guidance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UHBW - £7.188m</li> <li>• NBT - £12.804m</li> <li>• RUH Bath - £0.108m</li> </ul>
<p>3. Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider:</p>	<p>Public Health England (Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected by a marginal price per test).</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract</li> <li>- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year</li> <li>- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected</li> <li>- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case</li> <li>- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fixed payment for the year following NHS England COVID-19 financial regime guidance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UHBW</li> <li>• NBT</li> <li>• RUH Bath</li> </ul>
<p>4. Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.</p>	<p>No</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 1 September 2022 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***