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Requested

Please would you ask your hospitals to complete the attached table in as much detail as possible. The Pathology Laboratories or Point of Care co-ordinators at your hospitals may have this information readily to hand.

At first glance the table looks very detailed; however, there will be many sections that will not be relevant to some hospitals and will therefore be left blank.

Please provide the information for the twelve months 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Terminology used in the table

- 'Test Type' e.g. molecular or immunoassay.
- 'Near Patient' = tests carried out at the ward, A&E, etc. and not done in a laboratory.
- 'Laboratory within your Hospital'= for example, a pathology laboratory at your hospital.
- 'Laboratory outside your Hospital' = are the tests carried out off-site at another location? This is not another site/building within your hospital but could be another NHS hospital or private laboratory.
- 'Other' = are tests carried out anywhere else?
- 'NHS/Private' = are the tests carried out by NHS staff/at an NHS facility or carried out by a private provider? 'Private' includes private laboratories based at your hospital.

Response

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has completed the attached table (attachment 1) as requested with information relating to testing which is performed internally.

The majority of the UHB's pathology testing is performed by Public Health Wales, the UHB would therefore recommend your resubmit your request to Public Health Wales for access further information. More information on how to do this can be found via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/43499>