FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-53
Subject: Abbott Infectious Diseases FOI Request – COVID-19, Influenza & RSV Testing

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **20/01/2026** where you requested information about **Abbott Infectious Diseases FOI Request – COVID-19, Influenza & RSV Testing.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
• The total number of Influenza A/B, COVID-19, and RSV diagnostic tests performed by your Trust during the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, broken down by test type.	2024: 12042 tests 2025: 7049 tests
• If available, please indicate the type of tests used (e.g., rapid antigen, rapid molecular, RT-PCR).	All Microbiology testing is carried out using multiplex PCR assays capable of concurrently detecting SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV.
• Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.	Positivity rate since 5th August 2025: SARS-CoV-2: 5.16% Influenza A: 12.86% Influenza B: 0.14% RSV: 5.9%

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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Yours sincerely,

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