

FOI 0196 2025 Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

1. Testing and Management Protocols for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

1.1. Does your trust have a clinical protocol for testing and managing patients for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)?

If yes:

- a) Is your CRE testing protocol primarily molecular-based?
- b) If not, please specify which type of testing protocol is followed.

2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for CRE from?

3. Testing Protocols for Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) Infection

3.1. Does your trust have a formal protocol for testing patients for Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) infection?

If yes:

- a) Is your C. difficile testing protocol molecular-based?
- b) If not, please specify the testing method used.

3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for C. difficile from?

4. Testing and Procurement for Tuberculosis (TB) Resistance

4.1. What methods does your trust use to test for tuberculosis (TB) resistance?

4.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for TB resistance from?

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.