

FOI_1248_2023-24 – FOI Request Concerning – STI Postal Test Kits

- 1. How much it costs you to produce, send out and process the tests via the private provider, well as how many tests you send out from your service. If you do not use a private provider, please ignore references to a private provider.**

Number of tests in total sent out in 2022/23 was 61,337

- 2. How many STI postal test kits on average do you send out a year in total from your sexual health service?**

In 2022 we had 55,870 requests for STI Kits, and in 29,674 in 2023 (up until 30/06/2023).

- 3. What is the average amount of test kits you send out to service users from your sexual health services a day?**

The average is 153 per day.

- 4. What is the maximum amount of test kits you have sent out to service users in a day?**

The maximum requested was 294.

- 5. What is the average percentage of tests that are returned?**

The return percentage for 2022 was 68%.

- 6. What is the range return rate of the percentage of tests that are returned?
For example: One provider has told me, "Return rates typically range between 70% and 95% depending on the region, averaging between 75-80%."**

For the year of 2022, the range in return rates was 49%-81%, with the average being 68% for returns for the year.

- 7. How much does your STI test cost to produce, send out and process, including pathology (the cost of processing the samples)?**

The total cost of 2022/23 was £1,391,272