

**FOI 1556 2023-24 – FOI Request concerning Sub-contracting of Online STI Testing.**

*We are researching the use of online sexual health testing services. These services allow citizens concerned that they may have a sexually transmitted infection to order a test kit to be sent to their home, and then to either self-test at home, or return a sample to the laboratory, receive a result usually via email or text message, and to obtain medicines and further advice if required.*

*Please answer the following questions in relation to online sexual health services.*

1. **Does the authority have a contract to provide sexual health services?**  
Yes.
  - a) **If Yes, list which local authorities or other clients it currently has a contract with?**  
Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council.
  - b) **Does the authority sub-contract online sexual health testing services as part of any of the contracts in your response to 1a?**  
Yes, but only for the laboratory element which includes sending of kits, processing results and sending results. Solent SHS has their own online testing ordering algorithm integrated into their electronic patient record via their website.
  
2. **In each of the financial periods 2021-22, 2022-23, April 2023 to December 2023:**
  - a) **How much did the authority spend on online testing services.**  
**2021-22**  
£1,185,867  
**2022-23**  
£1,352,097  
**April 2023 to December 2023**  
£1,147,657
  - b) **How many citizens were tested using online services.**  
**2021-22**  
35,347  
**2022-23**  
39,194  
**April 2023 to December 2023**  
29,822  
Note: Above figures in b) will include some repeat testing
  
3. **How much was spent (by the authority or predecessor organisations) in each period with each of the following providers for online sexual health services.**
  - a) **Preventx**  
£0
  - b) **SH 24**  
£0
  - c) **TDL or their NHS joint venture, Health Service Laboratories**  
See response to Q2.
  - d) **Viapath**  
£0

**e) Synlab or their joint venture, Synnovis**

£0

**f) Lloyd's pharmacy**

£0

**g) NHS Trusts/ their laboratory services**

£0

**h) Other. Please name any provider where the spend in any year exceeded £100,000.**

N/A

**4. When did the authority last issue a tender for these services.**

TDL (HSP Pathology LLP) – tendered 2016 (start date 20/12/2016)

**5. When does the current contract expire.**

TDL (HSP Pathology LLP) – expires 31/03/2025