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Subject: Use of molecular PCR devices

Q1 Does the trust use molecular PCR devices?

A1 Yes

Q2 What devices does the trust use?

A2 Biofire filmarray, Cepheid GeneXpert, SAMBA II and ID Now

Q3 How many devices does the trust have?

A3

Device	Number of Devices
SAMBA	16
Biofire Torch	2 bases, 6 modules per base
Cepheid GeneXpert:	10 modules
ID NOW	6

Q4 What molecular pcr tests does the trust run on these devices?

A4

Device	Molecular PCR tests run on the Devices
SAMBA	SARS CoV-2
Biofire Torch	BCID2, RP2.1 plus and ME panels
Cepheid GeneXpert:	Carba-R , SARS CoV-2, Norovirus
ID NOW	SARS CoV-2 and Group A Strep

Q5 What is the cost per test?

A5 Values have been exempted (S43) due to the potential damage to commercial interests of the current suppliers as release of this information and any other unique pricing likely to be requested for disclosure would allow other competitors a significant competitive advantage and thus harm the commercial interests of our current suppliers.

Q6 Does the trust have a contract for these devices/tests?

A6 GeneXpert and Biofire – No, this was a Capital purchase
 IDNOW – No, this was given by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
 SAMBA – No, this was supplied by Diagnostics for the Real World (DRW UKHSA) – gifted as for April 2023

Q7 When is the contract up for renewal?

A7 See A6 above