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Subject: Blood Tests performed within the Trust

Q1 Names of hospitals under your NHS Trust

A1 Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust.

Q2 Does your hospital perform blood tests or are they outsourced to an external laboratory?
a. Hospital based tests
b. External laboratory (please name)

A2 Hospital based

Q3 How many blood tubes are received in pathology reception each year?
Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received 3.4 million tubes (please amend with actual number if known)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

A3 Less than 500,000

Q4 If you do not know the answer to (3). How many patients have blood tests in your laboratory each year.

Many labs know the actual number and if so please state.

e.g. In 2023, Our lab received blood test requests for 1.2 million patients (please amend with actual number if known)

If not known, please estimate the number.

- a. Less than 500,000
- b. 500,000 – 1,000,000
- c. 1,000,000 – 2,500,000
- d. 2,500,000 – 5,000,000
- e. >5,000,000

A4 Less than 500,000

- Q5 Roughly what % of blood tests arrive from Primary Care and Secondary care respectively?
Primary Care X%
Secondary Care X%
- A5 Primary Care - 6%
Secondary: Care - 94%
- Q6 Roughly what % of all total blood tests arriving to your reception need re-labelling so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser?
- A6 69% (primary tube paediatric samples are not run directly on analysers, apart from haematology)
- Q7 Roughly what % of blood tubes that arrive from Primary or Secondary Care need to be re-labelled so that the barcodes can be read by the analyser.
- Primary Care: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis
Secondary Care: X% need to be re-labelled before analysis
- A7 Primary Care - 52%.
Secondary Care - 70%