



St Helens and Knowsley
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

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REQUEST & RESPONSE

Question	Sub Question	Data/ Answer	Notes
Total Hospital Samples/ yr	Blood Transfusion	67,698	Total samples for Hospital only (not GP)
	Haematology	535,123	
	Clinical Biochemistry	576,382	
	Immunology	In Biochemistry	
	Cytology	2,808	
Total GP Samples/ yr	Blood Transfusion	92	Total samples just for GP Surgeries
	Haematology	306,247	
	Clinical Biochemistry	730,209	
	Immunology	In Biochemistry	
	Cytology	37,317	
Hospital Errors Recorded/ yr	Wrong Blood in Tube	130	Errors recorded for Hospital Samples (Exact figures or %)
	Rejection rates	2.7%	

	Spoilt due to delay - coagulation	1.2%	
	Lost in transport	0.01%	
GP Errors Recorded/ yr	Wrong Blood in Tube	1	Errors recorded for GP Samples (Exact figures or %)
	Rejection rates	2.7%	
	Spoilt due to delay - coagulation	1.2%	
	Lost in transport	0.05%	
Lab Re-Labeling of Tube	Avg Time to re-label Tube	10 seconds	Time to re-label a tube before loading on to rack for Analyser
	Job Title and Salary Band/ Grade of Re-Labeler	MLA Band 2	Who is performing the re-labelling of the Tube?
Estimated Costs	Rejected Sample	£ Not collected	Do you have a financial figure you use to estimate the cost of a rejected sample – this includes the re-taking of the sample.
	Wrong Blood in Tube	£ Not collected	Do you have a financial figure you use to estimate the cost of a rejected sample – this includes the re-taking of the sample. MSoft estimate this to be ~£16.50/ sample.
	Sample Stationary/ yr (Card in the bag)	£ 56,675	How much does the Trust spend on the sample cards each year? UHS estimate 3.6p per card in the bag and they use more than 1 million cards per year.