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REQUEST & RESPONSE

(1) The amount spent in pounds sterling on sexual health postal testing kits (which are sent through the post to a patient's home and then returned by them for analysis) in the past three financial years: 2018-19; 2017-18; 2016-17 – up to the latest year for which data is held.

Postal kits cost an average of £10 for each one sent out and returned for processing.

(2) The number of sexual health postal testing kits sent to patients in the past three years (figures for each year)

This data refers only to the number of kits sent out in response to online orders:

2016/17 – 87

2017/18 – 29

2018/19 - 153

(3) the number of sexual health postal testing kits returned to the authority in the same years (figures for each year)

This data refers to postal kits sent out and handed out by primary and community services, as well as the Trust.

2016/17 – 173

2017/18 – 50

2018/19 - 170

*Please note: Postal kits are used outside of the Sexual Health Service by various agencies that do Chlamydia screening with their clients. Also, kits are given to clients who are unable to complete a test in clinic. We don't record the number of kits issued outside on-line orders.