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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**You asked for information on GP direct access pathology:**

Please advise whether you currently pay for GP direct access pathology:

- on a block contract basis; or,
- an average price per test overall; or,
- an average price per test by specialty (eg £x for chemistry, £y for microbiology); or,
- a specific price per test.

If the latter, please advise the price currently paid for each of the following tests:

Full blood count  
U&E profile\*  
Liver function test profile\*  
Parathyroid hormone  
Ferritin, or TSAT  
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen  
Hepatitis C  
HIV  
Aluminium  
Cholesterol  
HbA1c  
Folate deficiency  
Vitamin B12  
Vitamin D  
Blood culture  
IV antibiotic tests

\* if parameters priced separately:

Urea  
Electrolytes  
Creatinine  
Bicarbonate  
Calcium  
Phosphate  
Alkaline Phosphatase  
Albumin

## **Our Response:**

Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) currently pays on a block contract basis in 2016/2017 for GP direct access Pathology.

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