

**Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/400**

**Subject: Remote or Online Sexual Health Testing Services**

*I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>We are researching the use of online sexual health testing services. These services allow citizens concerned that they may have a sexually transmitted infection to order a test kit to be sent to their home, and then to either self-test at home, or return a sample to the laboratory, receive a result usually via email or text message, and to obtain medicines and further advice if required. Please answer the following questions in relation to online sexual health services.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Does the authority commission or procure these services?</li><li>2. In each of the financial periods 2021-22, 2022-23, April to December 2024<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How much did the authority spend on these services?</li><li>b. How many citizens were tested using online services?</li></ol></li><li>3. How much was spent (by the authority or predecessor organisations) in each period with each of the following providers for online sexual health services?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Preventx</li><li>b. SH 24</li></ol></li></ol>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. These tests are the responsibility of the local authorities.</p> <p>We advise you to contact Bristol City Council directly: <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</a></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. TDL or their NHS joint venture, Health Service Laboratories</li><li>d. Viapath</li><li>e. Synlab or their joint venture, Synnovis</li><li>f. Lloyd's pharmacy</li><li>g. NHS Trusts/ their laboratory services</li><li>h. Other. Please name any provider where the spend in any year exceeded £100,000</li></ul> <p>4. When did the authority last issue a tender for these services?</p> <p>5. When does the current contract expire?</p>	
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 22 January 2024 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***