Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10889

23 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

I am requesting information regarding diagnostic semen analysis tests conducted by your trust's pathology/andrology laboratories.

Please provide the following data broken down by calendar year for each of the last 5 years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025):

Test Volumes:

1. **The total number of diagnostic semen analysis tests performed (excluding post-vasectomy confirmation tests) year on year.**

Demographic Breakdown:

2. **A breakdown of these test volumes by patient age group (e.g., Under 25, 25–34, 35–44, 45+).**

Abnormal Results:

3. **The number (or percentage) of diagnostic tests where the sample fell below standard WHO reference thresholds for male fertility parameters, specifically:**

a) **Low sperm concentration / count (Oligozoospermia)**

b) **Low sperm motility (Asthenozoospermia)**

c) **Low normal sperm morphology (Teratozoospermia)**

d) **Absence of sperm / zero count (Azoospermia)**

e) **Overall total of tests classed as 'abnormal' on at least one parameter.**

4. **Please provide the total number of tests taken year on year, versus the total abnormal results year on year.**

If providing exact counts poses a risk of patient identification due to small numbers (e.g., fewer than 5), please apply standard anonymisation masking (e.g., "<5") rather than refusing the entire request.

If this request exceeds the cost limit under Section 12, please prioritize Question 1 and Question 3

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust does not conduct diagnostic semen analysis testing within its pathology or andrology laboratories. These tests are referred to Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Therefore, the Trust does not hold the information requested within the scope of your request.

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You may wish to submit your request directly to Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, who can be contacted at **rduh.foi@nhs.net** or by post:

Information Governance Office,
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust,
Wonford Hospital, Barrack Road
Exeter,
Devon,
EX2 5DW

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If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact us, quoting the FOI reference number above.

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Commissioner will only make a decision once you have exhausted the complaints and/or internal review process provided by us. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team