

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2020064**
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **STI testing services**
Description: **Details of an STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) testing services.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Hello,

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am requesting information I reasonably believe Hertsmere Borough Council may possess, however if Hertsmere Borough Council does not hold the information, please inform me. I would be grateful if you could indicate who may hold the information, if this is known.

The information I am requesting is as follows:

Broadly, information on the availability of free (at point of use) postal STI testing services. More specifically, information on the availability of chlamydia, HIV, syphilis, and gonorrhoea testing. I would like for the information to be broken down in the following way:

- Whether postal services for STI testing (for any or all of the above named STIs) are available
- If so, which STI(s) are tested for
- If so, which age, gender, and other criteria are used to determine eligibility for a postal service kit (broken down by STI if relevant)
- If so, which provider is commissioned to provide these services (broken down by STI if relevant)

This information should be broken down to ward or post code level, if possible, or the smallest possible administrative area otherwise.

I have attached a spreadsheet which demonstrates how this information may be presented, however this is not prescriptive and other ways of presenting the information to the same level of detail are also welcome.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If the information could be provided within the cost of compliance limits identified in s12 of the Act, but in a format different to the one requested, then please provide the information in whichever form it is available.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but might be provided by the County Council or the NHS locally.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
FOI