

Freedom of Information Request – 3642

I would like to request data on lipid testing carried out by your laboratory for the fiscal years (1st April to 31st March) 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Specifically, I am seeking the annual number of lipid-related blood tests processed, broken down by referral source and test type.

Please provide the total number of lipid-related blood tests originating from each of the following referral sources:

- Hospitals (inpatient and outpatient)
- General Practice (GP)
- Community services (including home sampling kits and other community-based services)

For each referral source, please also provide a breakdown of the total number of lipid-related blood tests by the following test types:

I understand that a lipid profile typically includes measurements of total cholesterol, HDL, and LDL. However, if some of these tests are requested individually rather than as part of a full panel, please report each type separately.

- Lipid profile (full panel)

- 2022-
2023

Order Code	Test Code	Test Count
Fasting Lipids	CHOL	1150
Fasting Lipids	HDL	1153
Fasting Lipids	LDL	1281
Fasting Lipids	TRIG	1281
Chol ratio	CHOL	1826
Chol ratio	HDL	1833
CHOL	CHOL	3075
HDL	HDL	1
TRIG	TRIG	17

- 2023-
2024

Order Code	Test Code	Test Count
Fasting Lipids	CHOL	1051
Fasting Lipids	HDL	1052
Fasting Lipids	LDL	1143
Fasting Lipids	TRIG	1143
Chol ratio	CHOL	2105
Chol ratio	HDL	2124
CHOL	CHOL	2813
TRIG	TRIG	7

2024-
2025

Order Code	Test Code	Test Count
Fasting Lipids	CHOL	1000
Fasting Lipids	HDL	1003
Fasting Lipids	LDL	1085
Fasting Lipids	TRIG	1084
Chol ratio	CHOL	1847
Chol ratio	HDL	1856
CHOL	CHOL	2558
Non-Fasting Lipids	CHOL	227
Non-Fasting Lipids	HDL	227
Non-Fasting Lipids	LDL	227
Non-Fasting Lipids	TRIG	227
TRIG	TRIG	18

- **Total cholesterol (individual test)**
- **HDL cholesterol (individual test)**
- **LDL cholesterol (individual test)**

FY 2022

Test Set	FOI Category	Count
Cholesterol	Community	860
Cholesterol	GP	211,056
Cholesterol	Hospitals	37,541
Fluid Triglyceride	GP	1
Fluid Triglyceride	Hospitals	42
Lipid Profile	Community	68
Lipid Profile	GP	21,974

Lipid Profile	Hospitals	3,601
Triglyceride	Community	71
Triglyceride	GP	6,963
Triglyceride	Hospitals	691

FY 2023

Test Set	FOI Category	Count
Cholesterol	Community	600
Cholesterol	GP	191,866
Cholesterol	Hospitals	39,806
Fluid Triglyceride	GP	3
Fluid Triglyceride	Hospitals	51
Lipid Profile	Community	59
Lipid Profile	GP	120,499
Lipid Profile	Hospitals	4,850
Triglyceride	Community	91
Triglyceride	GP	7,502
Triglyceride	Hospitals	729

FY 2024

Test Set	FOI Category	Count
Cholesterol	Community	463
Cholesterol	GP	132,446
Cholesterol	Hospitals	41,455
Fluid Triglyceride	GP	1
Fluid Triglyceride	Hospitals	47
Lipid Profile	Community	157
Lipid Profile	GP	248,935
Lipid Profile	Hospitals	5,217
Triglyceride	Community	80
Triglyceride	GP	6,265
Triglyceride	Hospitals	552