

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 3rd June 2025

FOI Ref No 29073

Requested Information:

- How many Hospital/Community sites does your POCT team cover? Please break down into Hospital and Community if your service covers these.
- Please provide a breakdown by Bands the number and WTE POCT staff you have within your service, job title and permanency. Please use table provided.

Band	Number of staff/WTE	Job Title	Permanent or Temporary Post? (Yes/No)
Band 8d			
Band 8c			
Band 8b			
Band 8a			
Band 7			
Band 6			
Band 5			
Band 4			
Band 3			
Band 2			

- Please confirm which band and job role has responsibility for the following in your POCT service:
 Clinical Lead: *i.e. Band 8c Clinical Scientist*
 Service Lead: *i.e. Band 8a POCT Service Manager*
 Overall Governance: *i.e. Band 8b Pathology Manager*
 POCT Budget Holder
- Are POCT services managed under Pathology or other another Trust service? Please provide the name of service.
- Please could you provide an overview of funding streams/strategies within POCT? *i.e.* do requests for POCT support for new and existing areas include budget for POCT staff? How is this calculated?

- Please provide a list of POCT devices/schemes you provide as part of your POCT service including the number of devices. Please also indicate if this covers acute sites and/or community testing and if they are UKAS (ISO 15189) accredited?

POCT Scheme/Device	Hospital Service (Yes/No)	Community Service (Yes/No)	Number of Devices (total or by Hospital/Community Service)	UKAS Accreditation status (Compliant, Suspended or working towards Accreditation)	Connectivity with LIMS/EPR
<i>i.e. Glucose</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>100 Hospital/ 50 Community</i>	<i>Accredited</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Response:

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 - Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trusts
 - West Cornwall Hospital
 - St Micheals Hospital
 - Bodmin Hospital
 - St Austell Hospital
 - Camborne/Redruth Hospitals
 - Isle of Scilly
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Band	Number of staff/WTE	Job Title	Permanent or Temporary Post? (Yes/No)
Band 8d	0.8 WTE (POCT within portfolio)	Consultant Clinical Scientist	Permanent
Band 8c	1 WTE (POCT within portfolio)	Pathology Service Manager	Permanent
Band 8b	1WTE (POCT within portfolio)	Head of Blood Sciences	Permanent
Band 8a	1 WTE	Lead Biomedical Scientist	Temporary
Band 7	1 WTE (vacant post)	Senior Biomedical Scientist	Permanent
Band 6	2WTE (1x .0.5 WTE vacancy)	Specialist Healthcare Science Practitioner	Permanent
Band 5	1	Healthcare Science Associate	Permanent
Band 4	9	Healthcare Science Associate	Permanent
Band 3	N/A		
Band 2	N/A		

- Please confirm which band and job role has responsibility for the following in your POCT service:
 - **Clinical Lead:** *Band 8d Clinical Scientist* (additional to clinical role for Chemistry)
 - **Service Lead:** *Band 8a POCT Lead Biomedical Scientist*
 - **Overall Governance:** *Band 8c Pathology Services Manager*
 - **POCT Budget Holder:** Band 8a, Band 8b Head of Blood sciences and 8C Pathology services manager have an overview of the budgets in line with financial scheme of delegation

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Pathology

- Please could you provide an overview of funding streams/strategies within POCT? i.e. do requests for POCT support for new and existing areas include budget for POCT staff? How is this calculated?

Previously funding for POCT staff was captured within the budget for the service set by Pathology. We are currently working towards a funding strategy linked into new requests for equipment, which supports POCT Team staffing requirements, apportioning the amount of staff time required to set up and maintain governance and ongoing maintenance for the new equipment.

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<i>Glucose</i>	Yes	Yes	<i>150 Hospital/ 600 Community</i>	No	<i>Working towards (middlewa re only currently)</i>
Ketones	Yes	Yes	150/300	No	“
Blood gas	Yes	Yes	18/2	No	“
Portable blood gas	Yes	Yes	2/5	No	“
INR	No	Yes	1	No	“
ACT	Yes	No	3	No	“
Thromboelastography	Yes	No	1	No	“
FBC	Yes	Yes	5/1	No	“
Fbc/crp combined	Yes	Yes	4/2	No	“
DD	Yes	Yes	1/1	No	“
CRP	Yes	Yes	2/2	No	“
HbA1C	No	Yes	2	No	“
Troponin – TNI	Yes	Yes	1/1	No	“
Urine dipstick	Yes	Yes	41/21	No	“
FLU/COVID/RSV	Yes	Yes	14 /6	Yes	“

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

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