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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2275**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding urine samples.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- **How many urine samples were tested for Culture and Sensitivity in the last full year that the Trust has records for**
- **How many of these samples showed signs of mixed growth**

From the assessment our team carried out, they have estimated that it will take longer than 18 hours to complete this exercise. This is based on our current system process and the data not being readily available and as a result it will cost more than the 'appropriate limit' to consider your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, as well as locating, retrieving and extracting the requested information.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk), in the first instance. If following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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