

## Request title: Multiple Myeloma Testing

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

### Request

The information is regarding testing for multiple myeloma and I have attached a document with the specific questions. This testing is likely to be performed in the pathology/cytogenetics/haematology laboratory. I realise that the labs are busy with their routine clinical workload, however, the answers to these questions should be readily available.

If the laboratory responds that they do not perform multiple myeloma testing, please still forward them the questions as they might be forwarding samples to a different lab and are still able to provide answers to certain questions.

### Reply

The attached form seems to be unclear – e.g. the first paragraph asks if the Trust provide an in-house clinical testing service for myeloma, but then all of the subsequent questions are regarding FISH and chromosome analysis (i.e. very specialised laboratory tests).

The Trust can confirm that it does not undertake any of these locally, so all of our samples would be sent to Southmead Hospital. The Trust only test on a minority of patients because their utility in informing treatment decisions is not proven, although the Trust does occasionally get them done to help inform prognosis in younger patients.