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Diagnostic Tests performed for Group A Streptococcus (Strep A)

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information:

- **The total number of diagnostic tests performed for Group A Streptococcus (Strep A) during the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, broken down by test type.**

The total number of tests for 2024 and 2025 are set out in the table below.

The following was counted as a test:

Culture tests where we could report a Group A strep - that's all requests excluding epidemiology screens, enteric pathogen tests, urine screening tests, mycology and mycobacteria requests

- **If available, please indicate the type of tests used (e.g., rapid antigen, rapid molecular, culture).**

Type of test is culture with MALDI TOFF and strep grouping latex used to identify Group A strep

- **Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.**

2024 Total number of tests	217566	2025 Total number of tests	216362
2024 number of Group A Strep reported	2826	2025 number of Group A Strep reported	2275
% positive 2024	1.30	% positive 2025	1.05