

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-135

15 February 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do not hold the information you are requesting

We are researching histology/ cellular pathology activity in NHS organisations and the use of locums and outsourcing to report these.

For the period April 1st to December 31st 2023, please provide the following information:

1. How many whole time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31/12/2023.

2. How many histology cases were reported in the following period, overall and by the following sub-specialties

- dermatology
- gastro-intestinal
- urology
- gynaecology
- breast
- thoracic
- head and neck
- other
- total cases reported

3. How many of the total cases given above were reported by a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.

b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.

c. locum consultants working for the authority d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:

- Unilabs
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited
- Diagnexia
- Digital Pathology Partners
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

3. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution) b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.

c. locum consultants working for the authority d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total spend and the spend with each of the following:

- Unilabs
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited
- Diagnexia
- Digital Pathology Partners
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- external reporting companies total

We do not hold this information. Histopathology services are provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk for further information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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