

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-422

24 May 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

I would like to make a request for information for financial years 21/22, 22 /23 and 23/24. please provide information relating to histology slides/ cases reported for patients of the trust.

1) How many histology cases were reported by Consultant Histopathologists for patients treated by the Trust. If exact numbers are not available, an estimate to within 5% is acceptable, but please state whether exact numbers or estimates are given. Cytology can be excluded.

2) Of these cases, how many were reported by

A) Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions

B) Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions

C) Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities

D) Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust

E) Backlogs Limited

F) Unilabs

G) Source Bioscience

H) Cellular Pathology Services (CPS) Limited

I) Diagnexia Ltd

3) What was the spend in GBP in financial years 21/22, 22 /23 and 23/24 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology cases

A) Consultants employed by the Trust being paid for additional sessions

B) Consultants employed by the Trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities

C) Consultants employed by other Trusts, where the Trust contracts with these consultants privately or their Trust

D) Backlogs Limited

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4) Consultant staffing

A) How many WTE Consultant Grade Pathologists should the Trust have in the Histology Department and

B) How many does the Trust have?

C) How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for consultant pathologists and in what sub-specialities are these vacancies. If “general” please state

We do not hold this information, Histology is hosted by North Bristol Trust please email foi@nbt.nhs.uk.

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
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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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