

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-644**

28 August 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**I'd be grateful if you could please confirm the following information regarding the Trusts Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), the Trusts adoption of a Digital Pathology solution as well as some high-level departmental statistics across the Trust:**

**Please Note: Definitions of each solution type are provided at the bottom of this request.**

**LIMS - Information Request**  
**Current LIMS Supplier Name?**  
Clinisys

**Current LIMS System Name?**  
Winpath

**Current LIMS Contract Commencement Date?**  
2016

**Current LIMS Contract Expiration Date?**  
April 2033

**Does the current LIMS allow for bidirectional information sharing?**  
Yes

**Does the current LIMS allow for image import?**  
Not applicable. All histopathology is referred to North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk) for further information.

**Current Digital Pathology Solution**

**Current Scanner Supplier Name?**

**Current Viewer System Name and Provider?**

Not applicable

**Contract Commencement Date?**

Not applicable

**Contract Expiration Date?**

Not applicable

**If no Digital Pathology Solution is installed, can you please confirm the following:**

**Does the Trust have plans to adopt a Digital Pathology solution in the next 2 years?**

Not applicable. All histopathology is referred to North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk) for further information.

**Trusts Departmental Statistics**

**Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Departments across the Trust?**

**Can you please confirm the number of Pathology slides processed per annum?**

**Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Consultants in full-time or contract employment across the Trust?**

Not applicable. All histopathology is referred to North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk) for further information.

**\*\*\*\*\* System Definitions \*\*\*\*\***

**Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - A LIMS is a software system designed to support the operations of a laboratory. It helps manage and track samples, associated data, and laboratory workflows. LIMS is crucial in many types of labs, including research, clinical, pharmaceutical, environmental, and manufacturing labs.**

**Digital Pathology Solution - A Digital Pathology Solution is a technology platform that facilitates the digitisation, management, analysis, and sharing of pathology data. This system primarily involves converting traditional glass slide samples into high-resolution digital images, which can then be analysed using specialised software. Digital Pathology is increasingly used in clinical diagnosis, research, and education due to its numerous advantages over traditional methods.**

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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