

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-939**

12 December 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

**Subject: Reporting of histology cases**

**1. For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.**

**Method used (Y/N) If yes, amount spent**

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs**
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting**
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting**

**2. How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31st March 2024:**

**Number of WTE histopathology consultants**

**3. How many histology cases were reported in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, overall and by the following sub-specialties**

**Specialty Total reported histology cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

**Dermatology**

**Gastro-intestinal**

**Urology**

**Gynaecology**

**Breast**

**Thoracic**  
**Head and neck**  
**Other**  
**Total cases reported**

**4. How many of the total cases given above were reported by:**

**Total reported histology cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

**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**

**5. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period 1st  
April 2023 to 31st March 2024:**

**Amount spent 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

**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**

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We do not hold this information. The histology service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto: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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