

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-309

8th May 2025

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 would like to make a request under the FOI Act for information spanning the financial years ending 2021 to 2025

Please provide the following information relating to the Trust move towards Digital Pathology for its Histology Diagnostic Services

- 1. 1) How many WSI (whole slide imaging) slide scanners does the Trust have installed in its Pathology Departments to digitise Histopathology slides**
- 2. 2) Please state in which year each of the scanners was purchased & Installed**
- 3. 3) Please state if the method of acquisition was Capital Purchase, Lease or acquired using a Managed Service Contract.**
- 4. 4) If possible, please state the total capital amount invested by the Trust in their scanners for the periods requested**
- 5. 5) Please state the brand and model of each scanner**
- 6. 6) Please state which Image Manage System (IMS) is used with the scanners**
- 7. 7) Please state what percentage of diagnostic cases were digitised in the last full year**
- 8. 8) If not 100% were specific subspecialities digitised?**
- 9. 9) Do the Trust employed Histopathologists report from a Trust site or do they report from a remote site (e.g. home) or a hybrid model. Please state numbers**

10. 10) Is there any plan to purchase and add to the number of scanners already installed in the Trust in the current and next financial years

We do not hold this information. The histology service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact FOIArequests@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
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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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