

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-535

28 July 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding the use and uptake of digital pathology within your trust's pathology services.

Specifically, we are seeking information on both slide digitisation and slide reading (including AI-based systems), as well as the extent of digital adoption within your histopathology services.

Slide digitisation

1. Please list the suppliers or companies currently used (if any, else respond with "Not used") to digitise pathology slides within your trust's pathology services (i.e. for converting glass slides into whole-slide images):

Cellavision

a. Supplier name (Philips, Leica, Hamamatsu, Roche Diagnostics, etc.)

Cellavision

b. Model(s) installed

DM9600

c. Number of scanners deployed

Two

d. Year of deployment

2023

e. Method of acquisition (capital purchase, lease or managed service contract)

Managed service

f. Was the scanner procured directly from the manufacturer or via a reseller? (if known)

As part of the managed service

g. If applicable, any external service providers (e.g. outsourced scanning)

None

Slide reading

2. Please detail any software or AI tools used (if any, else respond with “Not used”) for reading, analysing, or supporting the interpretation of digital pathology slides:

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a. Software/company name (Sectra, Paige, Ibex, PathAI, Indica Labs, Aiforia, etc.)

This is internal to Cellavision

b. Product name (if known)

Not known

c. Use case (e.g. viewer only, AI diagnosis support, automated screening, triage)

Not applicable

d. Year of deployment

Not applicable

e. Was the software procured directly from the supplier or via a reseller? (if known)

Provide the above for each software or AI tool used (multiple)

Not applicable

Digital adoption

3. For your trust's pathology services, please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years (FY 2022/23 [1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023], FY 2023/24 [1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024], and FY 2024/25 [1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025]):

a. Total number of histopathology glass slides prepared

b. Total number of histopathology slides digitalised using whole-slide scanners (if known)

c. Total number of unique histopathology cases reported (including all reporting modalities)

d. Total number of histopathology cases reported digitally (using screen-based reading/viewers, not by light microscopy)

We do not hold this information. The histopathology 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
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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