

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-632

22nd August 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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Histopathology services provided at your hospital. Specifically, I would like to request the following information as we are in the process of setting up RPS Digital, this will be a digital and remote reporting Histopathology service guaranteeing a saving for all NHS Hospitals. Your assistance with this request will be greatly appreciated:

1. Tariffs for Histopathology Services:

Please provide the current tariffs or payment rates associated with Histopathology services, including any variations by type of service provided (e.g., biopsy reporting, specimen analysis, etc.).

2. Payment Structure:

How are hospitals compensated for conducting Histopathology services? I would like details on the payment processes and any contractual agreements with external service providers.

3. Contact Details of Relevant Personnel:

Please provide the contact details (name, phone number, and email address) of the following personnel at your hospital:

- Service Managers overseeing Histopathology services
- NHS Improvement Managers
- Digital Implementation Managers
- Clinical Leads in Histopathology or related Pathology fields

4. Total Spend on Histopathology Services:

Over the last 5 years, what was the total expenditure on Histopathology services by the

hospital and the trust? This should include expenses related to consultants, secretarial staff, administrative staff, and scanning staff.

5. Insourcing/Outsourcing Spend:

In the last 5 years, was there any spending on insourcing or outsourcing of Histopathology services to assist with clearing scans and samples? Please provide details of the total yearly expenditure for these services.

6. Managers in Charge of AI and Digital Pathology:

Who are the appropriate managers responsible for implementing AI and digital pathology within the hospital/trust?

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
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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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