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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay

In your request you asked:

**For the financial years 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 please provide information relating to histology slides/ cases reported for patients of the trust.**

- 1. How many histology cases were reported by consultant histopathologists for patients treated by the Trust. If exact numbers are not available, an estimate to within 5% is acceptable, but please state whether exact numbers or estimates are given. Cytology should be included separately.**

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>Histology Requests</b>	22426	22062	24306
<b>Histology Slides</b>	114858	119135	129364
<b>Cytology Requests</b>	1120	1261	1121
<b>Cytology Slides</b>	6720	7566	6616

- 2. Of these cases, how many were reported by**
  - a. Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions.**
  - b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions.**

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**c. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities.**

We cannot differentiate between a, b and c, please see total figures within the table below.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Histology reported by in house consultants (requests)</b>	22108	21704	23983
<b>Histology reported by in house Consultants (slides)</b>	114410	118338	128817

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Cytology reported by in house Consultants (requests)</b>	1120	1261	1121
<b>Cytology reported by in house Consultants (slides)</b>	6720	7566	6616

**d. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust**

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Histology reported by an external Trust via SLA (requests)</b>	318	358	323
<b>Histology reported by an external Trust via SLA (requests)</b>	448	797	547
<b>Cytology reported by an external Trust via SLA (requests)</b>	0	0	0
<b>Cytology reported by an external Trust via SLA (requests)</b>	0	0	0

**e. Backlogs Limited**

Not applicable.

**f. Unilabs**

Not applicable.

**g. Source Bioscience**

Not applicable.

**h. Cellular Pathology Services (CPS) Limited**

Not applicable.

**i. Diagnexia Ltd**

Not applicable.

**j. Other private histology providers (please specify which)**

We do send some tests to Source Biosciences and other NHS providers; however, we do not send the full case – this remains with our Histopathologists.

**3. What was the spend in GBP in 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology cases?**

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**a. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions.**

<b>Histopathology Medical Variable Pay</b>				
<b>Financial Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2023/24 Payment</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
CP174000115V1	Bank Consultant B Pay	25,036	31,428	14,498
CP174000150V1	Bank Middle Grade Doctor	37,733	28,581	26,931
CP174000120V1	Agency Consultant	-	-	4,965
		<b>62,769</b>	<b>60,009</b>	<b>46,394</b>

**b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities.**

N/A

**c. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust**

Nottingham University Hospitals £4,683.10 per annum (this cost applies to all years in this FOI request).

Sheffield Children's Hospital are cost per case – Approx annum £40,000.00 offset currently from SBU cross Charges

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**i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)**

Not applicable.

**4a. How many WTE Consultant Grade Pathologists should the Trust have in the Histology Department and**

6.26WTE.

**4b. how many does the Trust have?**

5.10WTE.

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**4c. how many vacancies does the Trust currently have for consultant pathologists and in what sub-specialities are these vacancies. If “general” please state 1.16WTE.**

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>. Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

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Yours faithfully

**Information Governance Team**

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