

Freedom of Information Request - FOI2024/057

21 May 2024

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

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.

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

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

e. Backlogs Limited

f. Unilabs

g. Source Bioscience

h. Cellular Pathology Services Limited

i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)

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 slides/ cases

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

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

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

d. Backlogs Limited

e. Unilabs

f. Source / LD Path

g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited (CPS)

h. Diagnexia Ltd

i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)

4. How much was spent in 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology cases

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

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

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

d. Backlogs Limited

e. Unilabs

f. Source Bioscience

g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited

h. Other private histology providers (please specify which)

5a. How many WTE Consultant Grade Pathologists should the Trust have in the Histology Department and

b. How many does the Trust have?

c. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for consultant pathologists and in what specialities are these vacancies. If "general" please state

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1.	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
How many histology cases were reported by consultant histopathologists for patients treated by the trust	Histology = 13,294 Cytology = 1,232 TOTAL = 14,526	Histology = 14,228 Cytology = 1,205 TOTAL = 15,433	Histology = 15,671 Cytology = 1,242 TOTAL = 16,913

2.	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
a. Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions	13,775	13,567	11,146
b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions	Cannot determine this figure – not individually calculated.		
c. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities	The Trust do not pay consultants per slide/case – they are paid per PA		
d. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the	Worcs H&N - 6	Worcs H&N - 271 Worcs Breast - 12	Worcs H&N – 246 Worcs Breast - 100

trust contracts with these consultants or their trust			Chelt Gynae – 568 Chelt prostate - 2
e. Backlogs Limited	691	1403	2751
f. Unilabs	N/A	N/A	N/A
g. Source Bioscience	54	0	1147
h. Cellular Pathology Services Limited	N/A	104	953
i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)	N/A	Diagnexia - 76	N/A

3. We do not pay per slide, so therefore we hold no information to answer this question.

4.	2021/22 (£)	2022/23 (£)	2023/24 (£)
a. Consultants Employed by Trust being paid for additional sessions	35,229.04	0.00	80,479.84
b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities	The Trust do not pay consultants per slide/case – they are paid per PA		
c. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust	0.00	0.00	74,556.28
d. Backlogs Limited	79,195.00	99,775.00	188,890.00
e. Unilabs	0.00	0.00	0.00
f. Source / LD Path	37,634.00	23,385.00	213,544.38
g. Clinical Pathology Services Limited (CPS)	0.00	4,620.00	112,039.67
h. Diagnexia Ltd	0.00	4,304.24	0.00

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c. 4, “General”

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer