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Response Due: 3rd January 2025

Date: 3rd January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd December 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested.

In your request you asked:

Subject: Reporting of histology cases

1. For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

	Method used (Y/N)	If yes, amount spent
a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs		
b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting		
c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting		

2. How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31st March 2024:

Number of WTE histopathology consultants	
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3. How many histology cases were reported in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, overall and by the following sub-specialties

Specialty	Total reported histology cases 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
Dermatology	
Gastro-intestinal	
Urology	
Gynaecology	
Breast	
Thoracic	
Head and neck	
Other	
Total cases reported	

4. How many of the total cases given above were reported by:

	Total reported histology cases 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	-
- Unilabs	
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited	
- Diagnexia	
- Digital Pathology Partners	
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathgnomics)	
- Poundbury Cancer Institute	
- Medica	
External reporting companies total	

5. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024:

	Amount spent 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	-
- Unilabs	
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	
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External reporting companies total	

Please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance as the work undertaken in Histopathology is activity carried out by NCA under the Pathology at Wigan and Salford (PAWS) shared service.

Please submit your Freedom of Information request to FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Stenton
Interim Director of Operations & Performance

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111