

FOI 3046

12th May 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.3ppm but less than or equal to 0.4ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.4ppm but less than or equal to 0.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.5ppm but less than or equal to 0.6ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.6ppm but less than or equal to 0.7ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.7ppm but less than or equal to 0.8ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.8ppm but less than or equal to 0.9ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.9ppm but less than or equal to 1ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

All reports are noted as <1.0ppm and not broken down into this detail as requested.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1ppm but less than or equal to 1.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

None.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1.5ppm but less than or equal to 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

None.

In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that exceed 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

None.

Note:

The formaldehyde detection tubes for detecting the formaldehyde levels are graduated in such a way that we cannot accurately estimate the readings below 1.0 ppm.

i.e. graduations 0.5 ppm and 1.0 ppm have no markings in-between.

The MSDS for formaldehyde states the Workplace Exposure Limits for formaldehyde for Short term and Long term exposure is <2.0 ppm.

All our readings we have taken and recorded are <1.0 ppm. We have not detected any formaldehyde levels above 1.0 ppm.

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