

FOI 3190

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1: In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0ppm but less than or equal to 0.3ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Response:

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

Question 2: How often and/or under what circumstances are formaldehyde levels measured in your histopathology department?

Response:

Levels of formaldehyde are measured/monitored routinely on a monthly basis

Question 3: Exactly how many times have formaldehyde levels been measured in your histopathology department over the last 12 months?

Response:

Formaldehyde levels are measured monthly at the following:-

- Dissection Bench A
- Dissection Bench B
- Dissection Bench C
- Dissection Bench D
- Tissue Processor 1 exhaust filter
- Tissue Processor 1 downdraft filter
- Tissue Processor 2 exhaust filter
- Tissue Processor 2 downdraft filter
- Dissection Room
- Formalin store

In total that's 10 areas where formaldehyde levels are monitored x 12 months = 120 measurement readings

Question 4: In order for me to gauge the approximate size of the histopathology dept, can you advise the approximate number of cases that pass through the histopathology dept annually?

Response:

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