

FOI 2217

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**For the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, please provide the following information:**

**1. How many whole time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31/12/2023.**

**Response:**

7.225 WTE

**2. How many histology cases were reported in the following period, overall and by the following sub-specialties**

- dermatology
- gastro-intestinal
- urology
- gynaecology
- breast
- thoracic
- head and neck
- other
- total cases reported

**Response:**

This information is not centrally collated and we consider that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. Section 12 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as the Southern Trust. This represents the cost of one or more person spending 18 hours or more in determining whether we hold the information locating retrieving and extracting the information.

**3. How many of the total cases given above were reported by 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 Pathognomics)
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

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**4. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period 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 spend and the spend with 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 Pathognomics)
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

**Response:**

No payments were made to the external reporting companies as listed in the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

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