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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for further information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Pathology Services.

Having carried out a review of the Trust's previous responses please find attached the updated form which includes the response for question 8.

To: Director of Pathology OR General Manager for Pathology Services OR Head of Pathology Operations

Dear Colleague,

We are carrying out a short survey to understand the impact of Lord Carter's reviews and the HSCA 2012 on pathology services across England and the potential role of private providers.

For *pathology services*, we are considering the following laboratory diagnostic specialties: Chemical pathology/Clinical biochemistry, Haematology, Medical Microbiology and Virology, Histopathology.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we seek the following information within your NHS Trust/NHS Foundation Trust:

NAME of NHS Trust/Foundation Trust:

1. How many hospitals is your NHS Trust/NHS Foundation Trust currently managing?

Type here TWO

2. Did this/these hospital(s) use to have their own pathology laboratory in the year 2010?

Yes X No

3. Are you pathology services currently centralized (or partially centralized) in a main laboratory in line with Lord Carter's review?

Yes X No

If YES, please specify the DATE of the first centralization and the NUMBER of previous laboratories now merged into one:

Date of centralization: 2007 Microbiology centralised 2012 (GP blood sciences work centralised) 2012 Cell Path centralised

Number of previous laboratories: same number but different arrangement

If NO, please specify if centralization is planned in the near future:

Yes No

4. Are you pathology services currently managed by a private provider (even if shared and/or joint venture)?

Yes No

If YES, please specify the NAME of the private provider:

Type here

Also, what type of private partnership do you have?

Completely private Joint venture Other (please specify)

Type here

5. In the year 2010, were your pathology services managed by a private provider?

Yes No

6. What is your current total budget for pathology services (in GBP) including laboratory staff?
The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

7. In the year 2010, what was your total budget for pathology services (in GBP) including laboratory staff?

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8. How many people are currently employed by your pathology services?

302.64 WTE

9. Have your pathology services had any redundancies in the last 5 years?

Yes No

If YES, how many?

Type here

10. Has your pathology staff been TUPE transferred from NHS to another company/entity in the last five years?

Yes No