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Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

For the financial year 2016/17 please provide information relating to histology slides/ cases reported for patients of the trust.

1. How many histology slides and or cases (please state whether the number given is slides or cases or both) were reported by consultant histopathologists for patients treated by the trust. If exact numbers are not available, an estimate to within 5% is acceptable, but please state whether exact numbers or estimates are given. (Cytology should be excluded)

2. Of these slides/ cases how many were reported by: a. Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions c. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities d. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust e. Backlogs Limited f. Unilabs g. Source Bioscience h. Cellular Pathology Services Limited i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)

3. How much was spent in 2016/17 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology slides/ cases a. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities c. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust d. Backlogs Limited e. Unilabs f. Source Bioscience g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited h. Other private histology providers (please specify which)

1) 305,550 slides

2) The vast majority were reported by Consultants on substantive contracts employed by the Trust. We do not record the number reported by locum consultants. None were outsourced.

3) 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).