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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 Pathology IT systems.

*You asked:*

- 1. Does your Trust have a single EPR system currently in use (as of 20/06/2019)?*
  - If 'Yes', what system is this, and is there a Pathology module actively in use or does the LIMS have an automated information feed into the EPR?*
  - If 'No', are there agreed plans to begin implementation of an EPR in your Trust within the next 3 years?*
- 2. What LIMS (Supplier/Vendor, version number) is currently (as of 20/06/2019) in-use across all disciplines managed within Pathology (such as but not limited to Microbiology, Blood Sciences, Cellular Pathology, Mortuary)?*
- 3. When was the hardware for the server of this LIMS last refreshed?*
- 4. When was a disaster recovery exercise of the LIMS/EPR last performed (month/year)?*
- 5. Does your current LIMS have inbuilt business intelligence software tools, such as a SQL reporting?*
  - If 'Yes', what is this tool and is it made available Trust/network wide or access limited to dedicated Pathology users?*
- 6. Is your Trust currently part of a Pathology network?*
  - If 'Yes', what LIMS are currently (as of 20/06/2019) in use within the networked laboratory sites? Has a formal process begun of selecting a single LIMS provider for your network? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?*
  - If 'No', has a process begun of selecting a new LIMS provider for your Trust? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS*

*has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?*

*7. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in secondary care?*

*- If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) is currently in use?*

*8. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in primary/tertiary care?*

*- If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) is currently in use?*

*9. Do you currently use nPex or other 3rd party software for exporting results and requests between either network partners or external reference laboratories?*

*- If 'Yes', could you provide details of which Pathology disciplines use this software, and who their primary reference / network laboratory is for this communication link.*

*10. Does administration of Pathology specific software (such as LIMS, document control, stock databases, middleware) lie within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?*

*11. Does administration of Pathology specific hardware lie (such as shared network storage, report printers, dedicated servers) within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?*

*12. Does your Pathology department have a formal service level agreement of equivalent with your Trust/Network IT department with stated roles and responsibilities for IT maintenance and project development?*

*13. If your Pathology department has a dedicated team, how many WTE are assigned to this team?*

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link:

<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Trust-systems.-270918.pdf>

- Yes

2. DXC technology/ iLabTP v2.3

3. 2013

4. No disaster recovery exercise performed to date

5. Yes

- SQL Map – Access limited to information department and dedicated Pathology users.

6. Yes

- DXC technology – Telepath and Apex

- Yes

- Not yet at this stage

7. Yes

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8. Yes

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9. NO

10. Pathology IT Team

11. Pathology IT and Trust-wide IT team

12. Service level agreement in development

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