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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 Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

You asked:

1) What LIMS does your Trust currently use in the Cellular Pathology Department?

1a) Is this LIMS an all in one solution across all disciplines in Pathology?

1b) Can you please indicate the name of the supplier of the LIMS system for Cellular Pathology and the wider disciplines within Pathology. Can you also detail the contract expiry date?

1c) Can you indicate if the LIMS is something you may consider procuring in the next 2 years? If there are intentions of procuring a LIMS system in the next two years how much funding does the trust have to implement this?

1d) If not- is there a reason why the Trust is not procuring a LIMS in this timeframe (be this new or a replacement)?

2) What Digital Pathology Solution do you currently use in the Cellular Pathology Department?

2a) Does the Digital Pathology Solution encompass other disciplines throughout Pathology or the wider diagnostic disciplines such as Radiology MRI CT PET?

2b) Can you please indicate the name of the supplier of the Digital Pathology Solution for the Cellular Pathology Department, in particular the manufacturer of the Digital Slide Scanner? Can you also detail the contract expiry dates?

2c) Can you indicate if you are looking to procure a Digital Pathology Solution in the next two years if not already procured? If there are intentions of procuring a Digital Pathology system in the next two years how much funding does the trust have to implement this?

2d) If not- is there a reason why the Trust is not looking to procure a Digital pathology Solution in this timeframe (be this new or a replacement)?

- 3) *Could you please give me the name/ title/email/telephone details of the Trust employee(s) who are responsible for your LIMS?*
- 4) *Could you please give me the name/ title/email/telephone details of the Trust employee(s) who is responsible for your Digital Pathology system?*
- 5) *Which Cancer Alliance does the Trust belong too? Who is in charge of this alliance? Please can you provide their title/email/telephone if you have these details?*

Trust response:

- 1) Telepath
- 1a) Yes
- 1b) DXC. Expiry date – year on year extension whilst Kent and Medway STP is considering options
- 1c) Yes. Not known
- 1d) Not applicable
- 2) We do not have digital pathology
- 2a) Not applicable
- 2b) Not applicable
- 2c) Not known
- 2d) To be considered as part of Kent and Medway STP options.
- 3) Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. We are aware that approaches from some of these organisations, as a result of any disclosure on our part, may lead to damage and distress to individuals whose roles and responsibilities would not normally be public facing or a level where the expectation would be that this information should be in the public domain. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

The Trust has therefore decided that in future all such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The information you have requested is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Trust does, however, release details of staff on Associate Director or above. This role falls under the remit of the Chief Operating Officer. The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above position is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk

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4) Not applicable

5) NHS England – South East (Kent, Surrey, Sussex)