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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 Hospital Laboratories.

You asked:

- 1. How many laboratories (please include breakdown of sites/disciplines if possible) are there in your Trust?*
- 2. What is the headcount of laboratory staff (please include breakdown of sites/departments/roles if possible) in your Trust?*
- 3. How many patient samples or 'reportable laboratory activities' are processed (please include breakdown of sites/departments if possible) by your Trust's laboratories each year (please include the three most recent available years' numbers)?*
- 4. What number (and percentage) of your Trust's patients have a sample processed in a laboratory as part of their treatment?*
- 5. How many patient samples are taken by your Trust but not processed/analysed by your Trust's laboratory staff? (IE: outsourced)*
- 6. If any, where are outsourced patient samples sent? (please include company names/addresses and number of samples sent each year)*

Trust response:

1. Two sites (Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital)
Tunbridge Wells – Blood Sciences (Haem, Biochem, Transfusion)
Maidstone – Cell Path (work for three Trusts), Microbiology, Blood Sciences
2. Unable to breakdown by site.
Blood Sciences 105.65 WTE
Cell Path 95.2 WTE (includes cytology which will move from end November)
Microbiology 34.79 WTE

3. Can only provide last two years – NHSi data and definitions

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Blood Transfusion 14,3347

Biochemistry 6,299,292

Haematology 1,049,870

Microbiology 1,706,295

Cytology 72,508

Histology 300,356

Molecular Pathology 10,731

Mortuary 626

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Blood Transfusion 13,3569

Biochemistry 6,650,516

Haematology 1,106,061

Microbiology 1,730,347

Cytology 86,104

Histology 321,834

Molecular Pathology 10,137

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4. Not known and data not collected

5. 20,453

6. The Trust is about to go to tender for this service and therefore further details will not be released.