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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.

You asked:

For the financial year 2018/19 please provide information relating to histology requests reported for patients of the trust.

How much was paid (to the nearest £) in 2018/19 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology 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. Locum agencies (please specify which)*
- E. Backlogs Limited*
- F. Unilabs*
- G. Source Bioscience*
- H. Cellular Pathology Services Limited*
- I. LD Path Limited*
- J. Pathognomics Limited*
- K. Other private histology providers (please specify which)*

Trust response:

Please note the following caveat on these responses as the work Histology does is for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and, under contract, Medway Foundation Trust and Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust. Our workload is viewed as one workload and there is no prioritisation given to any

one of the Trusts. Therefore there is no separation possible for these figures – all costs are for all 3 Trust's work – West Kent and Medway. (For reference MTW is 40% of workload, Medway 24.5%, DGT 22% and 12.8% is other contracts and private work).

A. No additional sessional payments were made in this time period

B. £55,716 overall was paid to Consultants on the basis of an amount per batch of work outside their contracted programmed activity (not per case or per slide but per pot)

C. No payments were made to Consultants in other Trusts

D. £104, 245 was the spend on agency Consultant staff in this period. All agency staff were sourced from one agency.
There was no spend on any of the options E - K