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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 the implementation of digital pathology in Histopathology.

You asked:

- 1. Has your histopathology laboratory outsourced any cases for reporting in the past year?*
- 2. If yes, approximately what percentage of your work is outsourced?*
- 3. Does your histopathology laboratory use any form of digital pathology?*
- 4. Can you name the supplier(s) of your digital pathology solution?*
- 5. If the answer to question 3 is "no", can you indicate if you are looking to procure a digital pathology solution in the next year?*
- 6. How much funding does the Trust have to implement this?*
- 7. What would you use digital pathology for?*
 - a. Research*
 - b. Training*
 - c. Primary diagnosis*
 - d. Second opinion*
 - e. MDT preparation and review**(Tick all that apply)*
- 8. What LIS does your department currently use?*
- 9. How old is your current LIS?*
- 10. Does your laboratory workflow incorporate a barcoded tracking system?*
- 11. If yes, what tracking system do you use?*
- 12. To reduce the initial capital outlay, would you favour a cost per scan pricing model?*
- 13. Would you consider an insourcing model where the digital pathology solution is tailored to your needs with scanners placed on site and images stored and streamed to your consultant workforce for reporting on your LIS?*

14. Would you use an outsourcing model where your slides are sent offsite for scanning and cases reported by an external consultant team with reports returned direct to your LIS?

15. Would you prefer to purchase your own scanners and IMS and work directly with a partner provider to handle, store, and report your own images?

Trust response:

1. Yes

2. Low

3. No

4. Not applicable

5. Possibly. There would be a procurement exercise and the market would be informed at the appropriate time.

6. Any funding would be for the whole of Kent & Medway, not Trust specific.

7. All

8. Telepath

9. Old (to be replaced) soon

10. Yes

11. Roche Vantage

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