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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*1. How many histology slides and or cases (please state whether the number given is slides or cases or both) were reported by consultant histopathologists for patients treated by the trust. If exact numbers are not available, an estimate to within 5% is acceptable, but please state whether exact numbers or estimates are given. (cytology should be excluded).*

Approximately 20,000 slides and cases.

*2. Of these slides/ cases how many were reported by:*

*a. Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions c. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities d. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust e. Backlogs Limited f. Unilabs g. Source Bioscience h. Cellular Pathology Services Limited i. Other private histology providers (please specify which)*

Cases reported internally account for approximately 70% of the figure quoted in Q1, while cases reported as additional sessions are approximately 15% and cases reported externally are also approximately 15%

*3. How much was spent in 2016/17 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology slides/ 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. Backlogs Limited e. Unilabs f. Source Bioscience g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited h. Other private histology providers (please specify which)*

Approximately £5,000 on externally reported cases each month and £4,000 on extra sessions for in house pathologists.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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