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Response Due: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. Tariffs for Histopathology Services:**

**Please provide the current tariffs or payment rates associated with Histopathology services, including any variations by type of service provided (e.g., biopsy reporting, specimen analysis, etc.).**

Please see the below redirection.

**2. Payment Structure:**

**How are hospitals compensated for conducting Histopathology services? I would like details on the payment processes and any contractual agreements with external service providers.**

Please see the below redirection.

**3. Contact Details of Relevant Personnel:**

**Please provide the contact details (name, phone number, and email address) of the following personnel at your hospital:**

- **Service Managers overseeing Histopathology services**
- **NHS Improvement Managers**
- **Digital Implementation Managers**
- **Clinical Leads in Histopathology or related Pathology fields**

Please see the below redirection.

**4. Total Spend on Histopathology Services:**

**Over the last 5 years, what was the total expenditure on Histopathology services by the hospital and the trust? This should include expenses related to consultants, secretarial staff, administrative staff, and scanning staff.**

Please see the below redirection.

**5. Insourcing/Outsourcing Spend:**

**In the last 5 years, was there any spending on insourcing or outsourcing of Histopathology services to assist with clearing scans and samples? Please provide details of the total yearly expenditure for these services.**

Please see the below redirection.

**6. Managers in Charge of AI and Digital Pathology:**

**Who are the appropriate managers responsible for implementing AI and digital pathology within the hospital/trust?**

Please see the below redirection.

Please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance as they provide this service. The NCA FOI team can be contacted on [FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk](mailto:FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wroughtington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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