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Response Due: 4th November 2025

Date: 4th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 7th October 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. In the six month period 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025, please provide the amount spent with each of the following suppliers on histopathology reporting (including any processing or microtomy)

- **HCA laboratories including Backlogs Limited**
- **Source Bioscience**
- **Cellular Pathology Services**
- **Diagnexia**
- **Medica (Pathology only - exclude radiology)**
- **Poundbury Cancer Institute**
- **Digital Pathology Partners**
- **Other (please state supplier name or names)**


Please redirect your questions to the FOI team at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk as Pathology at Wigan and Salford (PAWS) is based at Northern Care Alliance.

2. Please state how many histology cases (slides prepared but unreported) were waiting to be reported as at the end of the day on 30th September. If this is not easily available, please state the number unreported at the date of responding.

27 cases.

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,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS.' printed below it.

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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, Wrightington, 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
Water Lane
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111