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Response Due: 10th April 2024

Date: 10th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11th March 2024, 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. What Hospitals within your Trust run their own Pathology Labs or Departments?

PAWS (Pathology at Wigan and Salford) is a Joint Venture between Wigan and Salford, hosted from Salford. It has a 'hub' laboratory on the Salford site offering a full range of Pathology services and a 'spoke' laboratory on the WWL site offering Blood Sciences services.

2. Who is the Laboratory Pathology IT Lead for these labs?

This post is currently vacant.

3. At these labs what LIS / LIMS Solution are used to manage the day-to-day service.

Telepath.

4. When is the labs respective LIS / LIMS contract due for renewal?

21/02/2027

5. Are the Trust / network planning to replace the LIS / LIMS at any point in any of your hospitals in the near future? Are there any plans to move to a Pathology Network wide LIS / LIMS for instance (and if so – can you state at this time which Solution)?

Yes - Winpath Enterprise across the NCA.

6. Do your Labs work with or have ties to other organisations that mean they work as a part of another Pathology collaborative (and will this impact how your labs your work within the Regional Pathology Network that they have been assigned to)?

No.

7. What Middleware solutions do your Labs use if any?

Siemens Centralink/ADM and others.

8. How many tests per year do your Labs do?

Pathology at WWL and Salford for 2022/23 = 18,632,998 tests.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Parker-Evans', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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