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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd August 2017 received into our office 4th August requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Histology Reporting.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNMS) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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)

A1 The Trust had the following number of histology slides/cases for 2016/17:

- 178,882
- 43,253

Q2 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)

A2 Please refer to the table below:

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| a) Consultants employed by the Trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions | 175,924 slides / 39775 cases |
| b) Consultants employed by the Trust being paid for additional sessions | 2958 slides / 1432 cases |
| c) Consultants employed by the Trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities | N/A |
| d) Consultants employed by other Trusts, where the Trust contracts with these consultants or their trust | N/A |
| e) Backlogs Limited | N/A |
| f) Unilabs | 1858 cases |
| g) Source Bioscience | 188 cases |
| h) Cellular Pathology Services Limited | N/A |
| i) Other private histology providers (please specify which) | N/A |

Q3 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)

A3 Please refer to the table below:

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| a. Consultants employed by the Trust being paid for additional sessions | £41,000 |
| b. Consultants employed by the Trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities | N/A |
| c. Consultants employed by other Trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust | N/A |
| d. Backlogs Limited | N/A |
| e. Unilabs | £50,000 |
| f. Source Bioscience | £13,000 |
| g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited | N/A |
| h. Other private histology providers (please specify which) | N/A |

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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