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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5238

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 24th June 2022.

Your request was as follows:

Subject: Reporting of histology cases

1. During the financial year 2021/22, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

1a) No
1b) No
1c) No

2. If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2021/22.

- a) Backlogs Limited Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Source Bioscience Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) LD Path Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- d) Cellular Pathology Services Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

- e) Unilabs Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- f) Pathognomics Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- g) Digital Pathology Partners Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- h) Other - please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

N/A

3. How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/22?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust had 2 wte histopathology consultants in post on 31/3/22.

Subject: Reporting of radiology

4. During the financial year 2021/22, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

4a) Yes, £47,172

4b) No

4c) No

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2021/22.

- a) Medica plc Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

f) Other - please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5238 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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