

FOI REF: 22/355

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are 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**

Yes, £163,210.

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**

No.

c) **Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**

Yes, £712,870.

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**

No.

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b) **Source Bioscience, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

Yes. £712,870.

c) **LD Path, Company used: YES/ NO , if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

d) **Cellular Pathology Services, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

e) **Unilabs, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

f) **Pathognomics, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

g) **Digital Pathology Partners, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

h) **Other – please state which, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

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

WTE = 6.9.

Subject: Reporting of radiology

3. **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**

Yes, £808,378.

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- 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**

No.

- c) **Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**

Yes, £1,704,050.

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**

Yes. £1,704,050.

- b) **Telemedicine Clinic (TMC), Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

- c) **Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

- d) **Four Ways, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

- e) **Dulwich Medical, Company used: YES/ NO, if YES £amount spent in year**

No.

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

No.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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