

FOI REF: 24/227

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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:

**1) Do you have a single electronic record across your NHS Trust/Health Board?**

No.

**2) Do you have a single Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) across your NHS Trust/Health Board?**

Yes.

**3) Is there a clinical use of any pathology IT systems in your NHS Trust/Health Board outside of microbiology/pathology laboratories?**

No.

**4) Do you have a remotely accessible pathology IT system? If no, do you have plans to move to a remotely accessible LIMS in the next a) 1 year, b) 2 years, c) 3 years, d) 5 years or e) some point in the future?**

Our current LIMS system is accommodated on a Trust site; in the next 2 years we will be moving to a Cloud hosted LIMS.

**5) In your NHS Trust/Health Board what percentage of point of care systems link into your LIMS?**

0%.

**6) Does your pharmacy receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust/Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?**

b) Trust/Health Board patient record.

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- 7) **Do your General Practices receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust/Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?**

d) other please specify – GPs receive this information via the Trust Order Communication system.

- 8) **Who in your NHS Trust/Health Board is responsible for a) the procurement, b) implementation, and c) operational management of pathology IT systems.**

Angela Alletson  
Head of Procurement.

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

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