

FOI REF: 24/593

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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:

I would like to request the following information in relation to your Histology/Histopathology of Cellular Pathology service:

1) Total number of cases reported in May 2024	2871
a) Number of breast cases reported in May 2024	257
b) Number of gynaecological cases reported in May 2024	348
c) Number of haematological cases reported in May 2024	5
d) Number of Head and Neck cases reported in May 2024	29
e) Number of Lower Gastrointestinal cases reported in May 2024	817
f) Number of lung cases reported in May 2024	17
g) Number of skin cases reported in May 2024	663
h) Number of urology cases reported in May 2024	284
i) Number of bone and soft tissue cases reported in May 2024	N/A

- 2) Does the department do in-house immunohistochemistry and molecular testing?**

[The department does in-house immunohistochemistry testing only.](#)

- 3) How many Consultants in the department in May 2024 and how many direct clinical care programmed activities does this equate to?**

[As at 01/05/2024 the total number of Consultants = 7](#)
[Total job planned DCC activity: 50.88 PA.](#)

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**4) How many Agenda for Change staff in each band does the department have?
How many of these are Admin and Clerical staff?**

As of 22nd August 2024, there were 28.8 WTE staff:

11.5 WTE Band 3

0.4 Band 4

6.0 Band 5

4.3 Band 6

4.6 Band 7

1.0 Band 8b

1.0 Band 8c

6.9 WTEs are Admin staff.

(The responses to question 4 relate to Histopathology, but do not include Mortuary Services.)

5) How many vacancies within the department and what role and band?

As at 31st July 2024, the net vacancy position was 0.1 WTE:

1.4 WTE Band 5 Healthcare Science Practitioner

1.0 Band 4 Healthcare Science Assistant

0.6 Band 3 Healthcare Science Assistant

0.3 Band 3 Secretary

0.2 Band 7 Specialist Healthcare Science Practitioner

Offset by:

0.4 Band 6 Healthcare Science Practitioner

2.0 Band 5 Histology Co-ordinator

1.0 Band 3 Histology Administrator

(The responses to question 5 relate to Histopathology, but do not include Mortuary Services.)

6) What key performance indicators the laboratory uses i.e. 80% urgent cases within 7 days?

70% of all cases reported in 10 days plus locally agreed SUAT (Service User Agreed Turnaround Times) agreed TATs (Turn-Around Times) of 80% of cases reported in 14 days.

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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