



FOI REF: 24/879

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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:

**Please could you kindly complete the spreadsheet attached to provide information on the histopathology and diagnostic cytology tests carried out within the Pathology Laboratory at the Trust over the previous 3 calendar years (April 2021 - March 2024).**

**All questions relate to histopathology only (including routine immunohistochemistry) and diagnostic cytology, please do not include details for molecular pathology or any other disciplines unless otherwise stated.**

**Please complete all questions where possible – if precise data is unavailable, please provide an estimate (stating that data is an estimate plus likely error margin expressed as a percentage).**

Please see the attached document: "[FOI 24/879 Histopathology & Diagnostic Cytology Data](#)".

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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**FOI 24/879 Histopathology and Diagnostic Cytology Data**

Notes	
<b>Laboratory Name Location</b> (this should be the name/location of the laboratory completing most of your histology workloads. If your histology work is completed by a different hospital please indicate this).	Conquest
<b>Pathology Network Name</b>	South 7
<b>District</b> Please indicate the unitary authority, county, metropolitan district, non- metropolitan district, integrated care board, or other authority that commissions NHS services from your hospital	Sussex Health and Care Integrated System

<u>Histopathology Workloads</u>							
YEAR	TOTAL CASES	H & E slide numbers	Immunohistochemistry numbers	Digital Whole Slide imaging numbers	Diagnostic Cytology (LBC) Numbers	Diagnostic Cytology Manual numbers	FREE TEXT COMMENTS
April 2023-March 2024	31790	157587	See notes	10817	Not possible to extract from LIMS	2310	Due to age of the LIMS, it is not possible to split out the immuno slides from the HE accurately, so HE and Immuno are combined.
April 2022- March 2023	29067	120822 (138522)	See notes	0	Not possible to extract from LIMS	3433	A data gap was identified when running numbers, so an estimate has been given based on annual growth rate of 5%
April 2021-March 2022	28179	131926	See notes	0	Not possible to extract from LIMS	3277	Due to age of the LIMS, it is not possible to split out the immuno slides from the HE accurately, so HE and Immuno are combined

Anatomical Pathology	
Please provide details of you anatomical pathology instrumentation provider	Roche
Please indicate if your labortaory had digital histopathology capability	Yes/No    Yes

If Yes please indicate the following:

Digital Scanner provider	Hamamatsu
Number of scanners	3
Middleware provider	Dedalus
LIS provider	Dedalus
Length of contract term	7 years
Contract renewal date	01/05/2028
Details of Image analysis applications (e.g. breast analysis, etc)	Not applicable
Managed service contract	Yes/No    No

Diagnostic Cytology	
Liquid based Cytology provider	Hologic