

FOI REF: 25/300

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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:

We would like to make a request under the FOI Act for information spanning the financial years ending 2021 to 2025

Please provide the following information relating to the Trust move towards Digital Pathology for its Histology Diagnostic Services:

- 1) **How many WSI (whole slide imaging) slide scanners does the Trust have installed in its Pathology Departments to digitise Histopathology slides?**

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- 2) **Please state in which year each of the scanners was purchased & installed.**

2021 – 2 purchased.

2022 – 1 purchased.

- 3) **Please state if the method of acquisition was Capital Purchase, Lease or acquired using a Managed Service Contract.**

Capital purchase.

- 4) **If possible, please state the total capital amount invested by the Trust in their scanners for the periods requested.**

£769,639.

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5) Please state the brand and model of each scanner.

Hamamatsu S360 x 2.

Hamamatsu S60 x 1.

6) Please state which Image Manage System (IMS) is used with the scanners.

Sectra.

7) Please state what percentage of diagnostic cases were digitised in the last full year.

60%.

8) If not 100%, were specific subspecialities digitised?

Yes – Skin, Gastrointestinal, Urology, Lung, Breast, Head & Neck.

9) Do the Trust employed Histopathologists report from a Trust site or do they report from a remote site (e.g. home) or a hybrid model? Please state numbers.

Hybrid model x 6.

10) Is there any plan to purchase and add to the number of scanners already installed in the Trust in the current and next financial years.

No.

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), 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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Yours sincerely

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