

FOI REF: 25/345

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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:

This is a follow-up to FOI 25/276.

In order for me to contextualise the data, I would appreciate if you could also answer a few follow-up questions:

1. **Exactly how many times have formaldehyde levels been measured in your histopathology department over the last 12 months?**

Conquest Hospital, St Leonards-on Sea: 46,059 readings.

Eastbourne District General Hospital: 58,269 readings.

2. **Exactly how many times were formaldehyde levels recorded as being between 0 and less than or equal to 0.3ppm in the last 12 months?**

Conquest Hospital, St Leonards-on Sea: 29,765 readings.

Eastbourne District General Hospital: 58,218 readings.

3. **In order for me to gauge the approximate size of the histopathology dept, can you advise the approximate number of cases that pass through the histopathology dept annually?**

35,136. This is the figure across both sites. The majority of this work is performed at Eastbourne District General Hospital.

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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