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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I am writing to request monthly finance and workforce information for the histopathology (cellular pathology) service for the three financial years 2023/24 to 2025/26.

Monthly figures are requested only for the three most recent financial years, when these data are most likely to be held. Please provide all the data that you are able to; a partial response is welcome — complete the months you can. Where a service improvement was not yet in use, please enter 0 (or 'not in use'). Estimates are acceptable; please flag any estimate and an approximate margin (%) in the comments.

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-452 Response'.](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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ITEM	YOUR RESPONSE
Cost centre(s) / service name used for histopathology	Conquest Pathology Histopathology
Does this budget combine histopathology with other disciplines? (Yes/No — if Yes, what is included)	No.

Q1. Monthly histopathology finance (£):

MONTH	PAY COST (£)	NON-PAY COST (£)	OUTSOURCING / INSOURCING (£)	CAPITAL FUNDING (£)	COMMENTS*
Financial year 2023/24					
Apr-23	181,989	16,691	32,456	0	
May-23	189,325	79,552	63,192	0	
Jun-23	218,098	133,989	76,145	0	
Jul-23	199,367	110,349	116,160	0	
Aug-23	203,914	148,514	119,765	0	
Sep-23	229,764	133,232	105,466	0	
Oct-23	217,230	132,880	99,031	0	
Nov-23	214,690	163,545	126,465	0	
Dec-23	192,331	206,466	173,344	0	
Jan-24	235,345	173,830	135,285	0	
Feb-24	224,750	141,498	116,590	0	
Mar-24	232,061	235,650	167,939	0	
Financial year 2024/25					
Apr-24	212,998	128,671	78,790	0	
May-24	228,603	271,597	224,937	110,227	
Jun-24	226,012	270,601	230,151	0	
Jul-24	224,289	216,159	165,107	0	
Aug-24	210,085	223,972	191,372	0	
Sep-24	215,696	183,461	204,038	0	
Oct-24	289,994	193,375	157,358	0	
Nov-24	234,515	123,656	90,769	0	
Dec-24	225,277	211,725	143,098	0	
Jan-25	226,816	314,091	283,117	0	
Feb-25	178,276	257,192	207,791	0	
Mar-25	262,359	431,116	428,875	46,886	
Financial year 2025/26					
Apr-25	229,459	284,326	254,025	0	
May-25	230,091	227,985	211,712	0	
Jun-25	234,850	257,210	236,488	0	
Jul-25	227,672	236,435	215,803	0	
Aug-25	258,062	455,454	419,556	0	
Sep-25	227,735	347,109	300,360	0	
Oct-25	259,029	395,807	363,608	0	
Nov-25	233,458	347,553	324,373	0	
Dec-25	267,929	253,582	206,731	0	
Jan-26	238,619	148,983	124,273	0	
Feb-26	249,474	200,113	174,351	689,000	
Mar-26	243,664	194,719	148,588	0	

*Outsourcing / Insourcing costs also included in the Non-pay column

Q2. Monthly histopathology workforce (in-post WTE):

MONTH	PATHOLOGISTS (CONS/SAS) WTE	BAND 7/8 WTE	BAND 5/6 WTE	BAND 2–4 WTE	COMMENTS**
Financial year 2023/24					
Apr-23	6	6.6	8.3	13.5	
May-23	7	6.6	9.3	12.5	
Jun-23	8	6.6	9.3	13.5	
Jul-23	8	6.6	9.3	12.5	
Aug-23	8	6.6	9.3	12.5	
Sep-23	8	6.6	9.3	12.5	
Oct-23	8	6.6	9.3	13.1	
Nov-23	7.7	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Dec-23	7.7	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Jan-24	7.7	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Feb-24	7.7	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Mar-24	6.9	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Financial year 2024/25					
Apr-24	6.9	6.6	10.3	13.5	
May-24	6.9	6.6	10.3	13.5	
Jun-24	6.9	6.6	10.3	12.5	
Jul-24	7	6.6	10.3	11.9	
Aug-24	7.6	6.6	10.3	11.9	
Sep-24	7.6	6.6	10.5	11.9	
Oct-24	7.6	6.6	9.5	12.9	
Nov-24	7.6	5.6	9.5	14.5	
Dec-24	7.6	5.6	9.5	14.5	
Jan-25	7.6	5.6	9.5	14.3	
Feb-25	6.9	5.6	10.5	13.3	
Mar-25	6.9	5.6	10.5	13.3	
Financial year 2025/26					
Apr-25	6.9	5.6	10.5	14.3	
May-25	6.9	5.6	9.5	15.3	
Jun-25	6.9	5.5	9.5	17.3	
Jul-25	6.1	5.5	10.5	16.3	
Aug-25	6.1	6.6	10.5	14.5	
Sep-25	7.1	6.6	10.5	13.7	
Oct-25	7.1	6.6	10.5	13.7	
Nov-25	6.9	6.6	10.5	16.3	
Dec-25	6.9	6.6	10.5	15.5	
Jan-26	6.9	6.6	10.5	17.1	
Feb-26	6.5	6.6	10.5	16.1	
Mar-26	6.5	7.5	9.6	15.5	

** Admin Support included for all months