

FOI REF: 26/422

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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 you to request the following information on cellular pathology (histology) services.

Respondent details

ITEM	YOUR RESPONSE
Name of laboratory completing your histology work	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust carries out the majority of histology work.
Is your histology performed by another trust / network hub laboratory? (Yes/No — if Yes, which)	No.*

*However, if demand outstrips capacity, we may on occasion outsource work to providers with whom we have a contractual arrangement.

Q1. Histology workload received, by calendar year

Please provide the total histology cases/requests received and total slides received for each calendar year below.

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL CASES / REQUESTS RECEIVED (whole number)	TOTAL SLIDES RECEIVED (whole number)	FREE TEXT COMMENTS
2010	23851	109613	None
2011	23917	114748	None
2012	25480	129926	None
2013	24599	128162	None
2014	25163	137875	None
2015	26893	147523	None
2016	28064	149115	None
2017	27902	150186	None
2018	27557	154821	None
2019	28337	160231	None
2020	21640	132061	None
2021	26659	158302	None
2022	28612	172153	None
2023	31335	175806	None
2024	33547	192962	None
2025	32946	190504	None

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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