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NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 46906 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Histology

Your request is set out below:

1. For the period **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

	Method used (Y/N)	If yes, amount spent
a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs		
b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting		
c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting		

2. How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at **31st March 2024**:

Number of WTE histopathology consultants	
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3. How many histology cases were reported in the period **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**, overall and by the following sub-specialties

Specialty	Total reported histology cases 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
Dermatology	

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Gastro-intestinal	
Urology	
Gynaecology	
Breast	
Thoracic	
Head and neck	
Other	
Total cases reported	

4. How many of the total cases given above were reported by:

	Total reported histology cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	-
- Unilabs	
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited	
- Diagnexia	
- Digital Pathology Partners	
- Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)	
- Poundbury Cancer Institute	
- Medica	
External reporting companies total	

5. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**:

	Amount spent 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff)	

employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	-
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Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are commissioned to provide the mental health care and treatment for the Kent and Medway area. The Trust do not therefore hold the above information as this type of care and treatment would be provided by the Acute hospital Trust's across the Kent and Medway area.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department