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Re: Freedom of Information Request 215-2022

Thank you for your email dated the 24th June 2022, requesting information in relation to Reporting of histology cases.

The information that you require is as follows:

During the financial year 2021/22, 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.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2021/22.

- a) Backlogs Limited Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Source Bioscience Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) LD Path Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- d) Cellular Pathology Services Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- e) Unilabs Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- f) Pathognomics Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- g) Digital Pathology Partners Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- h) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/22?

Subject: Reporting of radiology

During the financial year 2021/22, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

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- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2021/22.

- a) Medica plc Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**
- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**
- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**
- d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**
- e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**
- f) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**

- The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre does not employ any Histopathologists.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>

Kind regards

The Information Governance Team
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