

Date: 30 August 2019

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 211 - 2019**

Thank you for your email dated the 1st August 2019, requesting information regarding diagnostics.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Subject: Reporting of histology cases**

During the financial year 2018/19, 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

**Method not used**

- 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

**Yes- Our histopathology service is outsourced to another NHS Trust. The cost of this service in 2018/19 was £605.**

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

**Method not used**

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 2018/19.

- 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) Other – please state which      Company used    YES/ NO    if YES £amount spent in year

**N/A**

How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/19?

**We do not employ histopathology consultants within our Trust.**

**Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services**

Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, i.e. included within larger overall contract

- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, e.g. £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, e.g. £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

**N/A- We do not have any pathology providers costing greater than £25,000.**

**Subject: Reporting of radiology**

During the financial year 2018/19, 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.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

**Yes**

**Amount spent = £78730**

- 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

**Yes**

**Amount spent = £57100**

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

Yes

Amount spent = £85845

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 2018/19.

a) Medica plc Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

Yes

Amount spent = £85845

b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

No

c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

No

d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

No

e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

No

f) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

N/A

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.

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