

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2425/508  
**From:** Commercial  
**Date:** 03 December 2024  
**Subject:** Reporting of histology cases

**Q1** 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.

**A1**

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

**Q2** 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:

**A2** 5.2

**Q3** How many histology cases were reported in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, overall and by the following sub-specialties

**A3**

	Total reported histology cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
Specialty	
Dermatology	125 requests
Gastro-intestinal	571 requests
Urology	66
Gynaecology	Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not have these specialities
Breast	
Thoracic	1

Head and neck Total cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	266  5749 requests
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Q4 How many of the total cases given above were reported by:

A4		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.	0
	b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	0
	c. locum consultants working for the authority	0
	d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unilabs</li> <li>• HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs</li> <li>• Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)</li> <li>• Cellular Pathology Services Limited</li> <li>• Diagnexia</li> <li>• Digital Pathology Partners</li> <li>• Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)</li> <li>• Poundbury Cancer Institute</li> <li>• Medica</li> <li>• External reporting companies total</li> </ul>	0

Q5 How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

A5		Amount spent 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
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<p>a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>c. locum consultants working for the authority</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unilabs</li> <li>• HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs</li> <li>• Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)</li> <li>• Cellular Pathology Services Limited</li> <li>• Diagnexia</li> <li>• Digital Pathology Partners</li> <li>• Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)</li> <li>• Poundbury Cancer Institute</li> <li>• Medica</li> <li>• External reporting companies total</li> </ul>	<p>0</p>