



10 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI / 418

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Histopathology and Diagnostic Cytology Data**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 4 December 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery & Elective, Maternity & Paediatric Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Histopathology and Diagnostic Cytology.

- **Laboratory Name Location**
- **Pathology Network Name**
- **District**

Q2. Histopathology Workloads, April 2023 – March 2024, April 2022 – March 2023, April 2021 – March 2022.

- **Total Cases**
- **H&E Slide Numbers**
- **Immunohistochemistry Numbers**
- **Digital Whole Slide Imaging Numbers**
- **Diagnostic Cytology (LBC) Numbers**
- **Diagnostic Cytology Manual Numbers**

Q3. Anatomical Pathology.

- **Provider**
- **Please indicate if your Laboratory had Digital Histopathology Capability**
- **Digital Scanner Provider**
- **Number of Scanners**
- **Middleware Provider**
- **LIS Provider**
- **Length of Provider**
- **Contract Renewal Date**
- **Details of Image Analysis Applications (e.g. breast analyses etc)**
- **Managed Service Contract**

Q4. Diagnostic Cytology.

- **Liquid Based Cytology Provider**

A1-4. In response to questions 1 to 4, the Trust do not provide Histopathology and Diagnostic Cytology service. However this service is provided by the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Belfast Trust). If you wish to pursue your request please refer to the Belfast Trust on publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net