

19 April 2017

**Our Ref:** RFI 19974

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
PD-L1 testing**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 21 March 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Laboratory Services Department and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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

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**L McAree (Miss)  
Head of Information Governance &  
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- Q1. *This is a request, under the Freedom of Information Act, for access to information held by your organization.*

*The requested information will be held within your pathology/histopathology laboratories and is in relation to PD-L1 testing offered. Attached to this email is a questionnaire, in a multiple-choice tick box format. The nature of the information requested and the format of the questionnaire should mean that this will not be time consuming for the laboratories to complete. Even if PD-L1 testing is not performed in-house by your own laboratories, please still forward the questionnaire to the relevant department, as the laboratory may send-out their PD-L1 testing to an external institution and information regarding the institution to which they send their samples is also relevant to this request.*

*Data provided will be anonymized and analyzed to support a press release on current PD-L1 laboratory testing practice in Europe.*

- A1. Please find enclosed completed questionnaire in the format you provided. The Trust Laboratories do not perform this test and all pathology samples are sent and handled/tested by the Belfast Trust Laboratories. The attached response includes all work carried out by them including work sent from our Trust.