

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-147**

Date 01/08/2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Do you currently offer a biomarker testing for the following, as of the beginning of 2018?

PD-L1 in NSCLC	We do not provide these services at this Trust. Please be advised these services are undertaken by North Bristol NHS Trust.
ALK in NSCLC	
BRAF in Melanoma	

2. Is predictive biomarker testing conducted at the same lab (or similar location such as in same building) as the initial cytological and histological (H&E stain) assessment, or is this done at a different site?

IHC	Not applicable – We do not provide these services at this Trust.
FISH /ISH/ NGS / PCR	

3. Is biomarker testing performed reflexively or upon request for the following biomarkers?

	PD-L1 in NSCLC	ALK for NSCLC	BRAF in Melanoma
Reflexively (i.e. prior to starting 1L treatment)	Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.		
Upon request (i.e. case by case after disease progression)			
<i>If reflexively</i> – What is the laboratory protocol for PD-L1 testing in lung cancer patients			
Multi-marker panel (i.e. multiple biomarkers, one test)			
Sequential single gene (i.e. one biomarker, one test)			
Other (Please specify)			

4. Which of the following biomarkers are assessed in lung cancer patients in your laboratory?

ALK	EGFR	ROS1	DLL3
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.			

5. Which of the following testing platforms are used at this this laboratory?

FISH	NGS	PCR	IHC	OTHER
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.				

6. What IHC staining platform(s) are used in the laboratory for biomarker testing?

Ventana	Dako	Leica	Other
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.			

7. What type of test does the institution prefer to use for biomarker-predictive IHCs?

IVD CDx (commercial)	LDT (lab developed)	None
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.		

8. What is the main factor in this decision?

Funding constraints	Control over methodology	Other
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.		

9. Does your lab / trust seek separate reimbursement from NHS under the “high-cost medicines and tests” provision for biomarker tests that have been excluded from tariff?

Yes	No
Not applicable	

10. What is the number of samples being tested (or sent-out) are tested for the following biomarkers?

ALK	EGFR	PD-L1	BRAF
Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.			

11. Where are archived tissues from lung cancer patients stored?

Not applicable

12. If on-site; how long are tissues stored on site until transferred to other storage facility?

Not applicable

13. What is the typical turn-around time from tissue/specimen extraction to the report of biomarker testing results in lung cancer patients?

Not applicable

14. How are the following biomarker testing funded at your lab?

Local funding (financed through pathology / lab budget)	Not applicable – we do not provide these services at this Trust.
Pharma funded initiative	
Individual funding through high cost medicines and procedures provision	
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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. 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:

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 Marlborough Street
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Yours sincerely,

FOI Administrator