



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-478

13 August 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Subject: Reporting of histology cases:

This information not held by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust as the service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust.

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

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

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

Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services:

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust is unable to answer this question; it

should be directed to NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group.

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, ie 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, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £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

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 - **Yes**.
Method used: **Paid per report/body part**.
if YES £amount spent in year **£91,405**
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. - **No**.
Method used: **N/A**.
if YES £amount spent in year: **N/A**.
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting - **Yes**.
Method used: **Paid per report/body part**.
if YES £amount spent in year **£306,025**

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: **No**.
if YES £amount spent in year: **N/A**.

- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used: **Yes**.
if YES £amount spent in year: **£306,025**.
- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used: **No**.
if YES £amount spent in year: **N/A**.
- d) Four Ways Company used: **No**.
if YES £amount spent in year: **N/A**.
- e) Dulwich Medical Company used: **No**.
if YES £amount spent in year **N/A**.
- f) Other – please state which Company used: **No**.
if YES £amount spent in year **N/A**.

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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal 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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Yours sincerely

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