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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

1. How many whole time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the trust as of 31/12/25

Of these, how many WTE posts were:

Substantive consultants	3.07 WTE
Long-term locum consultants (contracts ≥3 months)	0
Other medical staff undertaking consultant-level histopathology reporting (please specify grade)	0

2. How many histology cases were reported for patients treated by the Trust in the period, overall and by the following sub-specialties:

	Financial Year 2025 - 2026
Dermatology	Data not available
Gastro-intestinal	Data not available
Genitourinary	Data not available
Gynaecology	Data not available
Breast	Data not available
Oral	Data not available
Head and neck	Data not available

Other (please specify if possible)	Data not available
Total histology cases reported	23,905

As our pathologists report as generalists, we do not record case volumes by specialty.

3. Of the total histology cases reported in the period, please give the percentage that were reported as:

General histopathology (non-subspecialist service)	Data not available
Sub-specialist histopathology	Data not available

As above, all of the cases were reported as generalist. (With the exception of the outsourced cases which will have been reported by a specialist pathologist).

4. How many of the total cases given above were reported by:

	Financial Year 2025 - 2026
Consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.	0
Consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	0
Locum consultants working for the authority	0
External reporting companies.	4,170

5. Please provide the total number of cases for each of the following providers, and for each provider the number of cases reported in the period, broken down by type of work: broken down by Pre-prepared material (glass) and/or Lab services (sample or block)

	Financial Year 2025 - 2026
Unilabs	0
HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	0
Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	0
Cellular Pathology Services Limited	0
Diagnexia	0
Digital Pathology Partners	0
Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)	0
Poundbury Cancer Institute	3,059

Medica	1,111
Other provider (please specify)	0
External reporting companies total	0

6. Please provide a total spend in GBP with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology cases:

	Financial Year 2025 - 2026
Consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)	£1,479,158
Consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	£122,465
Locum consultants working for the authority	£254,033
External reporting companies.	£508,464
Unilabs	£0
HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	£0
Source LD Path	£0
Cellular Pathology Services Limited	£0
Diagnexia	£0
Digital Pathology Partners	£0
Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)	£0
Poundbury Cancer Institute	£500,119
Medica	£0
Other provider (please specify)	£8,345 (See breakdown below)

Abcam Limited	£1,302
Apacor Ltd	£1,360
Atom Scientific Limited	£717
Cellpath Plc	£937
Norlabs Limited TA BMS Micro	£3,283
Randox Laboratories Ltd	£713
Sciquip Limited	£33

7. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for consultant pathologists and in what sub-specialities are these vacancies. If “general” please state.

As of 31st March 2026 there were two generalist consultant vacancies.

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Yours sincerely,

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