

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-106

Request:

We are researching histology/ cellular pathology activity in NHS organisations and the use of locums and outsourcing to report these.

For the period April 1st to December 31st 2023, please provide the following information:

1. How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31/12/2023.
2. How many histology cases were reported in the following period, overall and by the following sub-specialties
 - dermatology
 - gastro-intestinal
 - urology
 - gynaecology
 - breast
 - thoracic
 - head and neck
 - other
 - total cases reported
3. How many of the total cases given above were reported by
 - a) consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.
 - b) consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.
 - c) locum consultants working for the authority
 - d) external reporting companies.

Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:

- Unilabs
 - HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs
 - Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)
 - Cellular Pathology Services Limited
 - Diagnexia
 - Digital Pathology Partners
 - Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)
 - Poundbury Cancer Institute
 - Medica
 - external reporting companies total
4. How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period

- a) consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)
- b) consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.
- c) locum consultants working for the authority
- d) external reporting companies.

Please provide a total spend and the spend with each of the following:

- Unilabs
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited
- Diagnexia
- Digital Pathology Partners
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31/12/2023. **10.8 WTE**
2. How many histology cases were reported in the period April 1st to December 31st 2023, overall and by the following sub-specialties
 - dermatology
 - gastro-intestinal
 - urology
 - gynaecology
 - breast
 - thoracic
 - head and neck
 - other
 - total cases reported: **42,462**

Due to the way we code our specimens, we are unable to distinguish how many cases from each subspecialty we report; for example, colonic, bladder or assorted H&N biopsies are all coded ALLB.



3. How many of the total cases given above were reported by
- a) consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.
 - o **19,041**
 - b) consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.
 - o **1178**
 - c) locum consultants working for the authority
 - o Agency locums reporting in house: **15,115**
 - o NHPS bank locums reporting internally: **3594**
 - d) external reporting companies.
 - o External referral: **3534**
 - Unilabs : **None**
 - HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs: **None**
 - Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited): **3534**
 - Cellular Pathology Services Limited: **None**
 - Diagnexia: **None**
 - Digital Pathology Partners: **None**
 - Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics): **None**
 - Poundbury Cancer Institute: **None**
 - Medica: **None**
 - external reporting companies total: **3534**
4. Spend during the period April 1st to December 31st 2023:
- a) consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)
 - o In hours pay: **£ 1,410,980**
 - b) consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work
 - o Overtime pay: **£44,365**
 - c) locum consultants working for the authority
 - o Agency locums: **£806,553**
 - o NHSP bank locums: **£140,945**
 - d) external reporting companies: **£149,013**
 - Unilabs: **None**
 - HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs: **None**
 - Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited): **£149,013**
 - Cellular Pathology Services Limited: **None**
 - Diagnexia: **None**

- Digital Pathology Partners: **None**
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics): **None**
- Poundbury Cancer Institute: **None**
- Medica: **None**
- external reporting companies total: **£149,013**

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 19 FEBRUARY 2024)