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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_217_24

You asked:

I would like to make a request for information for the financial years 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 please provide information relating to histology slides/cases reported for patients of the trust.

1. How many histology cases were reported by consultant histopathologists for patients treated by the trust? If exact numbers are not available, an estimate to within 5% is acceptable, but please state whether exact numbers or estimates are given. Cytology should be included separately.

Please see the cases reported overall for patients treated by the Health Board in the table below:

Years	Histology	Cytology
2021/22	17,147	924
2022/23	18,651	1005
2023/24	21,548	956

2. Of these cases, how many were reported by:

a. Consultants employed by the trust working in their normal NHS programmed activity sessions (see table below)

Years	Histology	Cytology
2021/22	15,780	924
2022/23	14,118	982
2023/24	8,798	858

b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions

c. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities

d. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust

b. c. d. - We do not capture this detailed information.

e. Backlogs Limited – N/A.

f. Unilabs – N/A.

g. Source Bioscience

Years	Histology	Cytology
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2021/22	1,367	0
2022/23	4,533	23
2023/24	12,750	98

h. Diagnexia Ltd – N/A.

i. Other private histology providers (please specify which) – N/A.

3. What was the spend in GBP in 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology slides/cases?

a. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions

Years	Expenditure
2021/22	No data
2022/23	£ 88,742
2023/24	£ 61,483

b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities

N/A.

c. Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust

Unable to derive this data.

d. Backlogs Limited – N/A.

e. Unilabs – N/A.

f. Source / LD Path

Years	Expenditure
2021/22	£ 272,947
2022/23	£ 1,553,942
2023/24	£ 1,831,254

g. Cellular Pathology Services Limited (CPS) – N/A.

h. Diagnexia Ltd – N/A.

i. Other private histology providers (please specify which) – N/A.

4. How much was spent in 2021/22, 2022 /23 and 2023/24 with each of the following in relation to the reporting of histology cases

a. Consultants employed by the trust being paid for additional sessions

b. Consultants employed by the trust being paid an amount per slide or case for activity outside their contracted programmed activities

- c.Consultants employed by other trusts, where the trust contracts with these consultants or their trust**
- d.Backlogs Limited**
- e.Unilabs**
- f.Source Bioscience**
- g.Cellular Pathology Services Limited**
- h.Other private histology providers (please specify which)**

Unfortunately, we have no means of differentiating expenditure on outsourced whole cases from outsourced slides, so please refer to figures from question 3

5.

(a) How many WTE Consultant Grade Pathologists should the Trust have in the Histology Department?

14 WTE (to cover the whole of Cwm Taf Morgannwg work, including outsourced Bridgend work currently covered by a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Swansea Bay University Health Board).

(b) how many does the Trust have?

6.7 currently.

(c) how many vacancies does the Trust currently have for consultant pathologists and in what sub-specialities are these vacancies. If "general" please state

1.18 (funded for general).