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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_298_25

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please provide the following information:

- 1. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0ppm but less than or equal to 0.3ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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- 2. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.3ppm but less than or equal to 0.4ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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- 3. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.4ppm but less than or equal to 0.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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- 4. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.5ppm but less than or equal to 0.6ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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- 5. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.6ppm but less than or equal to 0.7ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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- 6. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.7ppm but less than or equal to 0.8ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?**

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7. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.8ppm but less than or equal to 0.9ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

0.

8. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.9ppm but less than or equal to 1ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

0.

9. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1ppm but less than or equal to 1.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

0.

10. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1.5ppm but less than or equal to 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

0.

11. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that exceed 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

0.

Additionally,

1. How often and/or under what circumstances are formaldehyde levels measured in your histopathology department?

Weekly readings are taken in areas where formalin is handled/stored during activity. Also, after any kind of spill or if anyone raises a concern/shows symptoms of formalin exposure.

2. Exactly how many times have formaldehyde levels been measured in your histopathology department over the last 12 months?

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3. In order for me to gauge the approximate size of the histopathology dept, can you advise the approximate number of cases that pass through the histopathology dept annually?

Approximately 21000 cases, of which approximately 10000 will have been outsourced as wet tissue and so not processed locally.