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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_356_25

You asked:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

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 2024, 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 31/12/2024.

7.8 WTE.

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

This data is not available for cases. However, to assist you with your request we have provided the number of specimens:

Speciality	Specimens
Dermatology	3920
Gastro-intestinal	12240
Urology	2602
Gynaecology	3672
Breast	1692
Thoracic	135
Head and Neck	636
Other	845
Total specimens	25,942

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
- SBS (Source Bioscience/LD Path)
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited
- Diagnexia
- Digital Pathology Partners
- Cytel
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

Due to the way this information is held, we are unable to provide the breakdown requested. However, we can confirm that following:

a&b) 8810 – we are unable to split.

c) 0

d) 17132

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
- SBS (Source Bioscience/LD Path)
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited
- Diagnexia
- Digital Pathology Partners
- Cytel
- Poundbury Cancer Institute
- Medica
- external reporting companies total

Q4	Spend (£)
a	£ 941,138
b	£ 231,757
c	£ -
d	£ 1,558,288

The outsourcing (d) was split as follows:

SBS (Source Bioscience/LD Path)	£ 1,384,585
Cyted	£ 173,703
	£ 1,558,288

5. Please provide turnaround times (TATs) for:

a. Molecular testing services for NHS histopathology work –

N/A - all molecular work referred to All Wales Medical Genetics Service.

b. Reporting histopathology in cancer cases –

Median TAT for Single Cancer Pathway Samples for 2024 was 15 days

i. Please provide list of fines paid for missing cancer TAT targets

Zero.

6. Please provide current backlog of cancer services, by volume and speciality?

Currently no backlog of cancer cases within histology.