



Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_101_26

You asked:

We are researching histology / cellular pathology activity in NHS organisations, and the use of locums and internal and external reporting arrangements (including outsourcing and digital / remote reporting) to deliver these services. For the period April 2025 - Present, or the closest 12-month period for which data is available. Please provide the below information:

If you cannot provide data for the exact period requested, please state clearly the period used.

1.1 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

7.85 WTE pathologists in post as of 31st December 2025.

1.2 Of these, how many WTE posts were:

- **Substantive consultants** - 7.85
- **Long-term locum consultants (contracts \geq 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:

- **Dermatology** - 3611
- **Gastro-intestinal** - 6764
- **Genitourinary** - 918
- **Gynaecology** - 3309
- **Breast** - 1227
- **Oral** - *can't be differentiated from Head & Neck in LIMS data*
- **Head and neck** - 808 (*includes Oral*)
- **Other (please specify if possible)** - 1258
- **Total histology cases reported** - 17895

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

- General histopathology (non-subspecialist service)** - 5%
- Sub-specialist histopathology** - 95%

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

- Consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.** - 6400

- b. Consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work. - 380**
- c. Locum consultants working for the authority - 0**
- d. External reporting companies. - 11277**

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)

- a. Unilabs - 0**
- b. HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs - 0**
- c. Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)**
 Reported as Slides = 3338
 Reported as Blocks = 518
 Reported as Wet Specimens = 4474
- d. Cellular Pathology Services Limited - 0**
- e. Diagnexia - 0**
- f. Digital Pathology Partners - 0**
- g. Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)**
 Reported as Slides = 1417
 Reported as Blocks = 142
 Reported as Wet Specimens = 2198
- h. Institute - 0**
- i. Medica - 0**
- j. Other provider (please specify) - 0**
- k. External reporting companies total - 12087**

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

- a. Consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution) - £1,297,092**
- b. Consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work. - £144,194**
- c. Locum consultants working for the authority - £0**
- d. External reporting companies. - £1,691,896**
- e. Unilabs - £0**
- f. HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs - £0**
- g. Source LD Path - £1,199,342**
- h. Cellular Pathology Services Limited - £0**
- i. Diagnexia - £0**
- j. Digital Pathology Partners - £0**
- k. Cyted (including their subsidiary Pathognomics) - £492,554**
- l. Poundbury Cancer Institute - £0**
- m. Medica - £0**
- n. Other provider (please specify) - N/A**

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

Vacancies = 2.0 WTE

Specialities required: Breast, Gynae, Endocrine, Dermatology, Urology