

Freedom of Information Act Request

I'd be grateful if you could please confirm the following information regarding the Trusts Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), the Trusts adoption of a Digital Pathology solution as well as some high-level departmental statistics across the Trust:

Please Note: Definitions of each solution type are provided at the bottom of this request.

***** LIMS - Information Request *****

Current LIMS Supplier Name? **Integrated Software Solutions**

Current LIMS System Name? **Omni-Lab**

Current LIMS Contract Commencement Date? **>2006**

Current LIMS Contract Expiration Date? **On annual renewal, next renewal is June 2025**

Does the current LIMS allow for bidirectional information sharing? **Yes**

Does the current LIMS allow for image import? **Not our current version**

*****Current Digital Pathology Solution*****

Current Scanner Supplier Name? **N/A**

Current Viewer System Name and Provider? **N/A**

Contract Commencement Date? **N/A**

Contract Expiration Date? **N/A**

If no Digital Pathology Solution is installed, can you please confirm the following:

Does the Trust have plans to adopt a Digital Pathology solution in the next 2 years?

Yes but this will be a network system, hosted by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

*****Trusts Departmental Statistics*****

Pathology is now hosted by STH, some Consultants now have STH contracts

Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Departments across the Trust? **2**

Can you please confirm the number of Pathology slides processed per annum? **C 120,000**

Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Consultants in full-time or contract employment across the Trust? **6**

***** System Definitions *****

Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - A LIMS is a software system designed to support the operations of a laboratory. It helps manage and track samples, associated data, and laboratory workflows. LIMS is crucial in many types of labs, including research, clinical, pharmaceutical, environmental, and manufacturing labs.

Digital Pathology Solution - A Digital Pathology Solution is a technology platform that facilitates the digitisation, management, analysis, and sharing of pathology data. This system primarily involves converting traditional glass slide samples into high-resolution digital images, which can then be analysed using specialised software. Digital Pathology is increasingly used in clinical diagnosis, research, and education due to its numerous advantages over traditional methods.