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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014882 - Pathology Department

1. Does your Trust have a single EPR system currently in use (as of 20/06/2019)?
 - If 'Yes', what system is this, and is there a Pathology module actively in use or does the LIMS have an automated information feed into the EPR?
 - If 'No', are there agreed plans to begin implementation of an EPR in your Trust within the next 3 years?
2. What LIMS (Supplier/Vendor, version number) is currently (as of 20/06/2019) in-use across all disciplines managed within Pathology (such as but not limited to Microbiology, Blood Sciences, Cellular Pathology, Mortuary)?
3. When was the hardware for the server of this LIMS last refreshed?
4. When was a disaster recovery exercise of the LIMS/EPR last performed (month/year)?
5. Does your current LIMS have inbuilt business intelligence software tools, such as SQL reporting?
 - If 'Yes', what is this tool and is it made available Trust/network wide or access limited to dedicated Pathology users?
6. Is your Trust currently part of a Pathology network?
 - If 'Yes', what LIMS are currently (as of 20/06/2019) in use within the networked laboratory sites? Has a formal process begun of selecting a single LIMS provider for your network? If this process has reached tender award stage /implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?
 - If 'No', has a process begun of selecting a new LIMS provider for your Trust? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?
7. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in secondary care?
 - If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) are currently in use?
8. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in primary/tertiary care?
 - If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) are currently in use?
9. Do you currently use nPex or other 3rd party software for exporting / importing results and requests between either network partners or external reference laboratories?
 - If 'Yes', could you provide details of which Pathology disciplines use this software, and who their primary reference / network laboratory is for this communication link.
10. Does administration of Pathology specific software (such as LIMS, document control, stock databases, middleware) lie within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?
11. Does administration of Pathology specific hardware lie (such as shared network storage, report printers, dedicated servers) within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?
12. Does your Pathology department have a formal service level agreement or equivalent with your Trust/Network IT department with stated roles and responsibilities for IT maintenance and project development?
13. If your Pathology IT has a dedicated team, how many WTE are assigned to this team?
 - The Trust is now part of The Black Country Pathology Services. The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) Partnership will integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The Black Country Pathology Service will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the Partnership. Can you please forward your