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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

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

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

Current LIMS Supplier Name?

Current LIMS System Name?

Current LIMS Contract Commencement Date?

Current LIMS Contract Expiration Date?

Does the current LIMS allow for bidirectional information sharing?

Does the current LIMS allow for image import?

*****Current Digital Pathology Solution***** *Current Scanner Supplier Name?*

Current Viewer System Name and Provider?

Contract Commencement Date?

Contract Expiration Date?

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?

*****Trusts Departmental Statistics***** *Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Departments across the Trust?*

Can you please confirm the number of Pathology slides processed per annum?

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

***** 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.

Response

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 Trust Foundation Trust (DGFT) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The BCPS will be hosted on by RWT on behalf of the partnership.

You will need to forward your request to Black Country Pathology Services, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, rwh-tr.bcpsquality@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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