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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

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please disclose the following regarding the Trust(s) histopathology departments(s):

1. Is your histopathology department part of a cluster/consolidated network?
2. If so, please list the other hospitals in this network and the associated Trust(s)
3. What is the central/hub hospital in your network?
4. When did the process of consolidation begin?
5. When did the consolidation process complete, or is it still ongoing?
6. What is the management structure of the consolidated network?
7. What is the organisational structure of the consolidated network?
8. If not part of a cluster/consolidated network, is there a plan for this in the future?

Response

The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) Partnership integrates pathology services and is based at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) for Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The Black Country Pathology Service is hosted by RWT on behalf of the Partnership.

For any further details can you please forward your request to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust rwhtr.FOI@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.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust