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Freedom of Information request 014631 - Laboratory Information Management System and Digital Pathology

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information from your Cellular Pathology Department & possibly IM&T. This inquiry relates to your LIMS system (Laboratory Information Management System) and Digital Pathology in the Trust. I am happy to receive your response via email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance under the Section 16 obligations of the Act as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

1) What LIMS does your Trust currently use in the Cellular Pathology Department?

1a) Is this LIMS an all in one solution across all disciplines in Pathology?

1b) Can you please indicate the name of the supplier of the LIMS system for Cellular Pathology and the wider disciplines within Pathology. Can you also detail the contract expiry date?

1c) Can you indicate if the LIMS is something you may consider procuring in the next 2 years? If there are intentions of procuring a LIMS system in the next two years how much funding does the trust have to implement this?

1d) If not- is there a reason why the Trust is not procuring a LIMS in this timeframe (be this new or a replacement)?

2) What Digital Pathology Solution do you currently use in the Cellular Pathology Department?

2a) Does the Digital Pathology Solution encompass other disciplines throughout Pathology or the wider diagnostic disciplines such as Radiology MRI CT PET?

2b) Can you please indicate the name of the supplier of the Digital Pathology Solution for the Cellular Pathology Department, in particular the manufacturer of the Digital Slide Scanner? Can you also detail the contract expiry dates?

2c) Can you indicate if you are looking to procure a Digital Pathology Solution in the next two years if not already procured? If there are intentions of procuring a Digital Pathology system in the next two years how much funding does the trust have to implement this?

2d) If not- is there a reason why the Trust is not looking to procure a Digital pathology Solution in this timeframe (be this new or a replacement)?

3) Could you please give me the name/ title/email/telephone details of the Trust employee(s) who are responsible for your LIMS?

4) Could you please give me the name/ title/email/telephone details of the Trust employee(s) who is responsible for your Digital Pathology system?

5) Which Cancer Alliance does the Trust belong too? Who is in charge of this alliance? Please can you provide their title/email/telephone if you have these details?

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 BCPS will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the partnership.

Your request has been forwarded to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust who will send you a response. (rwht.FOI@nhs.net)