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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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding your use of insourcing for haematology, histopathology, and/or microbiology services between 1 April 2024 and the date of this request (i.e., the last 12 months):

Does your trust currently use (or has it used in the last 12 months) insourcing providers for any of the following services?

- a) Haematology
- b) Histopathology
- c) Microbiology

**a, b and c** – Pathology services are based at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

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).

Therefore can you please forward any Pathology requests to [rwhttr.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:rwhttr.FOI@nhs.net)

- d) Oncology - **No insourcing**  
(If yes, please specify which specialties)

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**