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REQUEST

1. What Hospitals within your Trust run their own Pathology Labs or Departments?
2. Who is the Laboratory Pathology IT Lead for these labs?
3. At these labs what LIS / LIMS Solution are used to manage the day-to-day service.
4. When is the labs respective LIS / LIMS contract due for renewal?
5. Are the Trust / network planning to replace the LIS / LIMS at any point in any of your hospitals in the near future? Are there any plans to move to a Pathology Network wide LIS / LIMS for instance (and if so – can you state at this time which Solution)?
6. Do your Labs work with or have ties to other organisations that mean they work as a part of another Pathology collaborative (and will this impact how your labs your work within the Regional Pathology Network that they have been assigned to)?
7. What Middleware solutions do your Labs use if any?
8. How many tests per year do your Labs do?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. What Hospitals within your Trust run their own Pathology Labs or Departments?

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust run their own Pathology Service for the whole Trust.

2. Who is the Laboratory Pathology IT Lead for these labs?

The Pathology Manager takes overall responsibility for IT, supported by two Pathology IT coordinators and IT Leads in each department.

3. At these labs what LIS / LIMS Solution are used to manage the day-to-day service.

Telepath.

4. When is the labs respective LIS / LIMS contract due for renewal?

Service contract only, renewable 01/04/2025.

5. Are the Trust / network planning to replace the LIS / LIMS at any point in any of your hospitals in the near future? Are there any plans to move to a Pathology Network wide LIS / LIMS for instance (and if so – can you state at this time which Solution)?

There are plans to move to a network LIMS solution for the Cheshire and Merseyside Pathology Network.

6. Do your Labs work with or have ties to other organisations that mean they work as a part of another Pathology collaborative (and will this impact how your labs your work within the Regional Pathology Network that they have been assigned to)?

No

7. What Middleware solutions do your Labs use if any?

Biomerieux Myla, Keystone, Enterprise and Labnostic.

8. How many tests per year do your Labs do?

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