Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

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Subject:	Digital Pathology for its Histology Diagnostic Services

REQUEST

We would like to make a request under the FOI Act for information spanning the financial years ending 2021 to 2025

Please provide the following information relating to the Trust move towards Digital Pathology for its Histology Diagnostic Services

1) How many WSI (whole slide imaging) slide scanners does the Trust have installed in its Pathology Departments to digitise Histopathology slides

2) Please state in which year each of the scanners was purchased & Installed

3) Please state if the method of acquisition was Capital Purchase, Lease or acquired using a Managed Service Contract.

4) If possible, please state the total capital amount invested by the Trust in their scanners for the periods requested

5) Please state the brand and model of each scanner

6) Please state which Image Manage System (IMS) is used with the scanners

7) Please state what percentage of diagnostic cases were digitised in the last full year

8) If not 100% were specific subspecialities digitised?

9) Do the Trust employed Histopathologists report from a Trust site or do they report from a remote site (e.g. home) or a hybrid model. Please state numbers

10) Is there any plan to purchase and add to the number of scanners already installed in the Trust in the current and next financial years

RESPONSE

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2) Please state in which year each of the scanners was purchased & Installed

   2019 (UFS Scanner 1 and Glissando)
   2022 (UFS Scanner 2)
   2023 (SG scanner)

3) Please state if the method of acquisition was Capital Purchase, Lease or acquired using a Managed Service Contract.

   Capital Purchase

4) If possible, please state the total capital amount invested by the Trust in their scanners for the periods requested

   Not Known, Pathology network project funded at network level.

5) Please state the brand and model of each scanner

   Philips UFS
   Philips SG300
   Objective Imagining Glissando

6) Please state which Image Manage System (IMS) is used with the scanners

   Philips IMS

7) Please state what percentage of diagnostic cases were digitised in the last full year

   All diagnostic cases routinely scanned

8) If not 100% were specific subspecialities digitised?
No

9) Do the Trust employed Histopathologists report from a Trust site or do they report from a remote site (e.g. home) or a hybrid model. Please state numbers
Hybrid x 3WTE

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No