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REQUEST

The Trust states that formaldehyde levels are assessed every 12 months in the histopathology department. Can you clarify what this assessment involves?

The data provided includes n=6 formaldehyde readings. Is this the number of total formaldehyde measurements that were taken during the single annual assessment, or have I misunderstood?

RESPONSE

This assessment involves onsite testing by a UKAS accredited company. Each area that uses formalin is tested. There were 7 areas covered at MWL where formalin is used, and 33 staff recordings were made over all areas. The time for the recording/ testing period ranged from 290 to 318 minutes.