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Subject: Monthly histopathology service finance and workforce

REQUEST

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request monthly finance and workforce information for the histopathology (cellular pathology) service for the three financial years 2023/24 to 2025/26. This data is held by the finance department, including the staffing (WTE) figures held for budget monitoring.

So, I should be grateful if this request could be directed to finance. Trusts review finance and establishment monthly for budgetary purposes, so monthly figures should be retrievable; finance typically holds these more readily than the electronic staff record.

Monthly figures are requested only for the three most recent financial years, when these data are most likely to be held. Please provide all the data that you are able to; a partial response is welcome — complete the months you can.

Where a service improvement was not yet in use, please enter 0 (or 'not in use'). Estimates are acceptable; please flag any estimate and an approximate margin (%) in the comments.

Completion notes and definitions

- All figures relate to the histopathology (cellular pathology) service only. If the cost centre combines histopathology with other disciplines and cannot be separated, please provide the combined figure and note what it includes.
- Each row is one calendar month within the financial year (April–March).
- Pay cost = staff pay incl. on-costs (employer NI and pension) for that month. Non-pay cost = consumables, reagents, maintenance, service contracts and other non-pay.
- Outsourcing / insourcing spend = cost of histopathology work sent to / bought in from other providers that month.

- Capital funding = capital spent that month (e.g., digital pathology, automation, AI software). Capital is often lumpy; report as incurred, and enter 0 for months with none.
- Workforce (in-post WTE) by pay band, from the finance / budget ledger: pathologists (consultant or specialty/SAS doctor); AfC band 7/8 (senior/advanced and reporting BMS, lab management); AfC band 5/6 (biomedical scientists); AfC band 2–4 (MLA/support and clerical/admin).
- Where a figure for a given month cannot be provided, please note the reason in the comments.

Respondent details

ITEM	YOUR RESPONSE
Cost centre(s) / service name used for histopathology	
Does this budget combine histopathology with other disciplines? (Yes/No — if Yes, what is included)	

Q1. Monthly histopathology finance (£)

Q2. Monthly histopathology workforce (in-post WTE)

RESPONSE

ITEM	YOUR RESPONSE
Cost centre(s) / service name used for histopathology	Histopathology
Does this budget combine histopathology with other disciplines? (Yes/No — if Yes, what is included)	No

Q1 – monthly histopathology finance

MONTH	PAY COST (£)	NON-PAY COST (£)	OUTSOURCING / INSOURCING (£)
Financial year 2023/24			
Apr-23	427,008	63,891	
May-23	420,913	118,701	
Jun-23	436,580	111,380	
Jul-23	425,595	82,694	
Aug-23	454,796	102,111	
Sep-23	547,711	114,083	
Oct-23	447,957	110,599	
Nov-23	455,141	151,552	
Dec-23	498,782	124,399	
Jan-24	462,586	197,633	
Feb-24	468,748	183,616	113,040
Mar-24	530,285	140,673	16,504
Financial year 2024/25			
Apr-24	508,514	147,431	14,527
May-24	515,764	142,885	25,965
Jun-24	499,883	112,241	11,735
Jul-24	536,823	163,397	22,935
Aug-24	530,838	76,372	31,160
Sep-24	549,588	156,418	32,535
Oct-24	703,963	188,705	34,942
Nov-24	563,975	162,739	32,383
Dec-24	588,491	159,112	18,107
Jan-25	587,718	150,795	16,425
Feb-25	592,542	117,033	13,880
Mar-25	547,951	233,981	89
Financial year 2025/26			
Apr-25	553,859	109,611	24,344
May-25	591,175	213,628	40,995
Jun-25	611,960	184,553	22,764
Jul-25	584,900	185,723	42,036
Aug-25	712,588	157,753	12,449
Sep-25	580,915	132,696	-
Oct-25	581,879	86,182	46,004
Nov-25	574,765	173,581	42,954
Dec-25	654,413	185,151	22,927
Jan-26	608,281	86,081	19,493
Feb-26	618,262	143,612	32,753
£ Mar-26	588,424	112,921	56

Q2 – histopathology workforce (WTE)

MONTH	PATHOLOGISTS (CONS/SAS) WTE	BAND 7/8 WTE	BAND 5/6 WTE	BAND 2-4 WTE
Financial year 2023/24				
Apr-23	21.21	9.2	18.13	15.35
May-23	21.21	9.2	18.13	16.35
Jun-23	20.21	10.2	17.13	19.35
Jul-23	20.21	10.2	16.13	19.35
Aug-23	24.86	11.2	17.13	19.35
Sep-23	24.16	12.08	20.13	19.35
Oct-23	24.16	12.08	19.73	18.66
Nov-23	24.36	12.08	19.69	16.66
Dec-23	24.36	12.08	20.69	16.66
Jan-24	25.16	12.08	19.89	15.66
Feb-24	26.96	12.08	19.89	15.66
Mar-24	27.96	12.08	18.89	15.66
Financial year 2024/25				
Apr-24	24.16	12.08	20.69	16.66
May-24	28.75	12.08	20.28	15.05
Jun-24	27.75	12.08	19.28	16.13
Jul-24	26.55	11.68	21.28	16.13
Aug-24	27.75	12.08	20.28	16.13
Sep-24	25.16	12.08	18.48	15.93
Oct-24	25.96	12.08	18.89	15.93
Nov-24	27.45	11.68	21.28	17.13
Dec-24	24.16	12.08	20.69	16.93
Jan-25	27.75	12.08	19.28	15.13
Feb-25	27.75	12.08	19.28	15.13
Mar-25	27.75	12.08	20.28	15.13
Financial year 2025/26				
Apr-25	26.45	11.68	21.28	16.13
May-25	25.85	10.68	20.28	19.05
Jun-25	28.57	11.28	19.28	17.05
Jul-25	28.97	10.88	19.28	17.05
Aug-25	28.67	11.48	19.28	17.05
Sep-25	26.45	10.88	20.28	19.05
Oct-25	26.45	10.88	20.28	17.05
Nov-25	28.97	10.88	19.28	17.05
Dec-25	26.45	11.68	21.28	16.13
Jan-26	28.57	11.48	19.28	18.05
Feb-26	25.85	11.48	19.28	18.05
Mar-26	25.85	11.48	19.28	18.05