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Subject: IT Systems (Pathology)

REQUEST

1. Do you have a single electronic record across your NHS Trust / Health Board?
2. Do you have a single Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) across your NHS Trust / Health Board?
3. Is there a clinical use of any pathology IT systems in your NHS Trust / Health Board outside of microbiology / pathology laboratories?
4. Do you have a remotely accessible pathology IT system? If no, do you have plans to move to a remotely accessible LIMS in the next a) 1 year, b) 2 years, c) 3 years, d) 5 years or e) some point in the future?
5. In your NHS Trust / Health Board what percentage of point of care systems link into your LIMS?
6. Does your pharmacy receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust / Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?
7. Do your General Practices receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust / Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?
8. Who in your NHS Trust / Health Board is responsible for a) the procurement, b) implementation, and c) operational management of pathology IT systems.

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.

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33% - assuming this means data management systems as the devices themselves will not link to the LIMS.

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All our staff have access to the requesting and reporting system and can view the patient results there.

There is an interface between pathology and the e-prescribing system (the system we use to prescribe chemotherapy for haematology patients).

Pharmacy occasionally ring the lab for results if they haven't been authorised, so not visible on the system but needed to verify a haematology prescription.

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Pathology IT system

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