

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 17th October 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

Financial Years

2021/2022

2022/2023

2023/2024

“Wet” cases sent out by The Trust

How many full wet Histopathology cases (defined as tissue in a formalin container sent to a 3rd party for processing and reporting) were sent out by the Trust

2021/2022 97 DIF, 24 Alopecia, 9 "eye" specialty specimens
2022/2023 115 DIF, 35 Alopecia, 20 "eye" specialty specimens, 22 Cytogenetic
2023/2024 118 DIF, 51 Alopecia, 28 "eye" specialty specimens, 12 placenta, 34 Cytogenetic

How many wet cases (defined as tissue in a formalin container sent to a 3rd party for processing into glass slides only) were sent out by the Trust

Zero all years

How many blocks to report cases (defined as a Formalin Fixed Paraffin Embedded - FFPE histology block sent to a 3rd party for sectioning, staining and reporting) were sent out by the Trust

Zero all years

How many total blocks (approximate to within 10%) were sent out by the Trust to a 3rd party

(Not all data for 2021/2022 not readily available)
2021/2022 89 Oncotype DX, 6 lymphoma 2nd opinions
2022/2023 79 Oncotype DX, 155 lymphoma and 7 testicular 2nd opinions, 10 liver, 32 Gastric HER2, 262 HER2, 97 PDL. Molecular cases sent to Genomic Hub
2023/2024 69 Oncotype DX, 154 lymphoma and 6 testicular 2nd opinions, 22 liver, 37 Gastric HER2, 348 HER2, 137 PDL. Molecular cases sent to Genomic Hub

How many of the above, for each of the financial years 21/22, 22/23 / 23/24 were sent to the following companies

Unilabs

Zero all years

Source Bioscience / LD Path PLC

2021/2022 Number 1 = 24

2022/2023 Number 1 = 35

2023/2024 Number 1 = 51

2022/2023 Number 4 = 97

2023/2024 Number 4 = 94

Cyted Ltd

Zero all years

6

Poundbury

2021/2022 Number 4 = 14

2022/2023 Number 4 = 165

2023/2024 Number 4 = 132

Cellular Pathology Services Ltd

Zero all years

Diagnexia Ltd

Zero all years

Backlogs Ltd

Zero all years

Backlogs in the Histology Department

What is the current backlog number for wet cases in the Histology Lab. Current is defined

as of the end of October 2024. This is defined as the number of cases that have been received by the Histology Department but have not been processed (greater than 3 days from receipt

Zero cases over 3 days from receipt as of 21/10/24

What is the approximate number of uncut blocks in the Histology Lab (defined as histology blocks that have been processed and not sectioned) awaiting sectioning and greater than 5 days old

Zero cases awaiting sectioning over 5 days as of 21/10/24

Histology technical staffing levels

How many Biomedical Scientist Staff - BMS- and technical staff does the lab require (as defined as Whole Time Equivalents - WTE - by band) and how many does the Trust have

Band 8b FTE budget 1, FTE actual 1
Band 8a FTE budget 1, FTE actual 1
Band 7 FTE budget 3.8, FTE actual 2.84
Band 6 FTE budget 7.32, FTE actual 6.89
Band 5 FTE budget 3, FTE actual 3
Band 4 FTE budget 4, FTE actual 3
Band 3 FTE budget 5.5, FTE actual 3.5

How many BMS and technical vacancies (such as MLA - Medical Lab Assistants) does the Trust currently have open. Please state the number and grades

Band 7 FTE 0.96 vacancy (post going through recruitment)
Band 6 FTE 0.43 vacancy
Band 4 FTE 1 vacancy (post going through recruitment)
Band 3 FTE 2 vacancy (post going through recruitment) along with 1 FTC to cover Maternity leave

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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