

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 21 April 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

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

Two

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

UVSL60 2018, SG300 2024

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

The SG300 was capital purchase through the Innovate UK funding which S4 as a network received

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

the SG300 was purchased through the S4 Network digital funding they received from the Innovate UK MKUH portion was approx. £400K

Please state the brand and model of each scanner

Philips UVSL60, Philips SG300 2024

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

Philips IMS

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

Only implemented in Sept 2024. Sept 24 2.8%, Oct 24 5.8%, Nov 24 7.2%, Dec 24 10.7%, Jan 25 19.9%, Feb 25 27.3% and Mar 25 27.8% Implementation delayed due to delay in Phillips providing the scanners as a result of Covid and then connectivity set up

If not 100% were specific subspecialties digitised?

All sub-specialities

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

All report on Trust site, currently working up a plan for home reporting

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

Due to volume of slides to scan this step is now delaying reporting as we are limited on the number of slides can be scanned. Did request funding through Digital for another scanner to remove the barrier of delay, however declined as not funding. Currently review other options available to purchase another scanner.

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

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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