

## *Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 02 August 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

### **Subject: Reporting of histology cases**

**During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.**

- a. **Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
Yes, £31,623
- b. **Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
No
- c. **Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
Yes, £156,319

**If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.**

- a. **Backlogs Limited Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
No
- b. **Source Bioscience Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
Yes, £156,319
- c. **LD Path Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year** No
- d. **Cellular Pathology Services Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year** No
- e. **Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year** N/A

**How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/19?**  
5.45 WTE

**Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services**

**Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)**

MKUH has Inhouse pathology services

**Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19. – negligible referral spend less than 1% of referral costs**

**Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider**

Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case

Tariff Biochemistry £9 , Haematology £7.16 , Histopathology £66.45 and Microbiology £16.20

**Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link. No**

**Subject: Reporting of radiology**

**During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.**

- a. Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
Yes, £207,867
- b. Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year**  
No
- c. Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/**

**NO if YES £amount spent in year**

Yes, £646,144

**If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.**

- a. Medica plc Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year Yes, £646,144**
- b. Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year No**
- c. Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year. No**
- d. Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year. No**
- e. Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year. No**
- f. Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year N/A**

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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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