

Tuesday 15 April 2025

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Friday 11 April 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

**How often and/or under what circumstances are formaldehyde levels measured in your histopathology department?**

The TWA of formaldehyde is taken every two weeks, but ad-hoc measurements are taken if there is a suspicion of increased levels, or after a spillage. (Using Draeger tubes)

**How many times have formaldehyde levels been measured in your histopathology department over the last 12 months?**

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**Were all remaining formaldehyde readings for the last 12 months (i.e those not documented in your response below) recorded as being between 0ppm and less than or equal to 0.3ppm?**

All others recorded as <0.5ppm, we do not differentiate further

**In order for me to gauge the approximate size of the histopathology dept, can you advise the approximate number of cases that pass through the histopathology dept annually?**

23,700

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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 Team Lead

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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