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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: The workings of the Pathology Laboratories within your organisation

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. What hospitals are a part of your Trust/Health Board?	King's Mill Hospital (KMH), Newark Hospital and Mansfield Community Hospital.			
2. Do any of these have Pathology Labs and if so which?	Yes - there is a laboratory at King's Mill Hospital (Chemistry, Haematology, Blood Transfusion, Microbiology and Cellular Pathology). There is a Specimen Reception at Newark Hospital, which has some Point of Care equipment and blood fridges. Any samples received here are sent to KMH for processing. There is no laboratory equipment at Mansfield Community Hospital.			
3. Which of the National Pathology Networks do you belong to?	Midlands and East 2 (ME2).			
4. Do you partner with any other Labs to work collectively?	Yes, within the ME2 network, we are in a 'hub' with Nottingham University Hospitals Pathology.			
5. What Laboratory Information Management systems (LIMS/LIS) do you use?	Clinisys WinPath 5 (Blood Sciences and Cellular Pathology) and WinPath Enterprise (Microbiology).			
6. Do you have a Single instance/Pathology Network Wide LIS/LIMS solution?	No.			
7. When is the contract for your LIS/LIMS due to run out?	Current contract expired December 2024 (WinPath 5). New LIMS contract until December 2031 (WinPath Enterprise).			
8. Do you have a Blood Transfusion Laboratory at any of your locations and if so which?	Blood Transfusion laboratory at King's Mill Hospital. 2 satellite fridges at Newark Hospital.			

9. Do you have an Electronic Blood Tracking solution?	No, we do not.			
10. Do you have a dedicated Transfusion Lab LIS/LIMS and if so which?	We have WinPath 5 at present, which has a dedicated Blood Transfusion module, but is also used by other Pathology disciplines with their own modules.			
11. Do you have anyone leading on Digital Transformation projects and if so who (if not able to state a name, what is their Role/Job title)?	Each Digital Transformation Project has its own lead. Roles vary between operational, clinical, digital and IT leadership.			

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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