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Subject: Sample Tracking System

REQUEST

1. Which, if any, 'sample tracking system' is used in your histology (histopathology) service?
2. If applicable, the cost of the respective sample tracking systems used?
3. The total number of reported lost histology (histopathology) specimens, from within pathology dating from 2020 – present date?
4. The average time spent searching for further work requested blocks?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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Roche Vantage Tracking system

2. If applicable, the cost of the respective sample tracking systems used?

£0.066 per slide

3. The total number of reported lost histology (histopathology) specimens, from within pathology dating from 2020 – present date?

3 paraffin blocks

4. The average time spent searching for further work requested blocks?

Average 1 hour / day