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I am responding to your request for information received 3 December 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request:

Question 1: For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, 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.

	Method used (Y/N)	If yes, amount spent
a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs		
b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting		
c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting		

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide histology services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: How many whole-time equivalent histopathology consultants (as defined by being on the GMC specialist register for pathology) were employed by the authority at 31st March 2024:

Number of WTE histopathology consultants	
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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide histology services nor does it employ histopathology consultants. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: How many histology cases were reported in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, overall and by the following sub-specialties

Specialty	Total reported histology cases 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
Dermatology	



Gastro-intestinal	
Urology	
Gynaecology	
Breast	
Thoracic	
Head and neck	
Other	
Total cases reported	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: How many of the total cases given above were reported by:

	Total reported histology cases 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs.	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	
- Unilabs	
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited	
- Diagnexia	
- Digital Pathology Partners	
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)	
- Poundbury Cancer Institute	
- Medica	
External reporting companies total	



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide histology services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: How much did the authority spend on each of the following during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024:

	Amount spent 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
a. consultants (or other medical staff) employed by the authority during their contract Programmed Activities or PAs. (salary plus NI plus pension contribution)	
b. consultants employed by the authority, being paid additional amounts over and above their salary for additional work.	
c. locum consultants working for the authority	
d. external reporting companies. Please provide a total number of cases and the number reported by each of the following:	-
- Unilabs	
- HCA Laboratories including their subsidiary Backlogs	
- Source LD Path (previously Source Bioscience, and LD Path limited)	
- Cellular Pathology Services Limited	
- Diagnexia	
- Digital Pathology Partners	
- Cytel (including their subsidiary Pathognomics)	
- Poundbury Cancer Institute	
- Medica	
External reporting companies total	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide histology services and as such did not incur any expenditure. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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