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False Negatives Cervical Screening

Please provide any record or records of the false negatives reviewed by lead consultant and the discussions with screeners for the years 2008-2023. I am aware that this information was provided previously by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust to the Royal College of Pathologists for their screeners in 2023. I am also aware that names will be redacted, which is fine. Thank you for your assistance.

This information is not centrally held. To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would entail 15 years of meeting minutes and stats review to pull and tie together. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.