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Pathology Service Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

1 Please can you confirm the histopathology outsourcing information for the period November 2024 to October 2025 inclusive:

| Overall | Wet lab work (plus reporting) outsourced | <u>Glass slide</u> reporting outsourced | <u>Digital slide</u> reporting outsourced |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| No. cases | 0 | 2567 | 0 |
| Spend | 0 | £263,622.00 | 0 |
| Av. time from send to report | 0 | Avg time frame for report from date received 5-7 days Avg timeframe for cases sent, to final report on local systems 13.1 days | 0 |

2 Please confirm which outsourcing providers were used in the period and their contract end dates, plus any minimum activity or exclusivity commitment:

| Provider name | Contract end date | Minimum activity or exclusivity commitment |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Source Bio Science | <i>Regional Framework information held by Procurement and Logistics Service</i> | <i>Regional Framework information held by Procurement and Logistics Service</i> Information can be obtained by contacting BSO foi.bso@hscni.net |

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3 Please can you confirm the histopathology outsourcing information for the period November 2024 to October 2025 inclusive by provider:

| Source Bio Science | Wet lab work (plus reporting) outsourced | Glass slide dry reporting outsourced | Digital slide dry reporting outsourced |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| No. cases | 0 | 2567 | 0 |
| Spend | 0 | £263,622.00 | 0 |
| Av. time from send to report | 0 | Avg time frame for report from date received 5-7 days Avg timeframe for cases sent, to final report on local systems 13.1 days | 0 |

4 Please confirm which specialisms you outsourced over the period November 2024 to October 2025 inclusive

Gastrointestinal

5 Please confirm your total histopathology activity by year:

| | Total no. histopathology cases |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 2023 | 2022 -23 57,866 |
| 2024 | 2023-24 56,931 |
| 2025 YTD | Approx. 59,000 |

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6 Please confirm your spend on histopathology locum staff cover over the period November 2024 to October 2025 inclusive, split by consultant pathologist and lab staff:

| | | |
|-------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Consultant Pathologist | lab staff |
| Spend | £94,827 | £601,747 |

7 Please confirm what % of your histopathology work was reported digitally over the period August 2025 to October 2025 inclusive, excluding outsourced reporting

Approx. 100%

8 Please confirm the histopathology IT applications in use:

| | PACS / Imaging management system | LIMS (or equivalent) | Scanner manufacturer(s) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Product name | Sectra | WinPath | Roche |
| Product version/model | IDS7 | Enterprise | DP200 DP600 |
| Vendor | Sectra | Clinisys | Roche |

9 Please confirm the volume of any specific histopathology reporting (post-wet lab) backlog you have now? The table below shows specific histopathology reporting post wet lab backlog (Reporting)

10 Please confirm the volume of any specific histopathology dissection backlog you have now?

The table below shows specific histopathology dissection backlog (Wet Work)

| <i>Speciality</i> | <i>Wet Work (Lab)</i> | <i>Reporting</i> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <i>Awaiting dissection</i> | <i>Awaiting reporting</i> |
| <i>Prostate Dissection</i> | 13 | N/A |
| <i>Direct Transfer small biopsy</i> | 140 | N/A |
| <i>Cat B – C Dissection</i> | 930 | N/A |
| <i>Breast Pathology</i> | 55 | 0 |

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|---|----|------|
| <i>Ortho, Bone, soft tissue Pathology</i> | 7 | 0 |
| <i>CVS Pathology</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Endocrine Pathology</i> | <5 | 0 |
| <i>GI Pathology</i> | 69 | 1227 |
| <i>Gyane Pathology</i> | 45 | 229 |
| <i>Haem-Pathology</i> | <5 | 0 |
| <i>Head & Neck Pathology</i> | 8 | 47 |
| <i>HPB Pathology</i> | <5 | 0 |
| <i>Dental Pathology</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Thoracic Pathology</i> | 13 | 0 |
| <i>Skin Pathology</i> | 10 | 171 |
| <i>Urology</i> | 19 | 144 |

Above figures correct at time of collection 09/01/2026

Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

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