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New cytology/HPV laboratory gained its formal accreditation - Processing of HPV samples

1) From the date in June 2025 that Belfast Trust's new cytology/HPV laboratory gained its formal accreditation, how many HPV samples have been processed?

99,242 samples have been processed from 1st July 2025 to 30th May 2026

2) As of 25th May, 2026, does a backlog exist and if so how long is that backlog in terms of number of samples?

No backlog exists as of May 25th 2026

3) As of 25th May 2026, how long is it taking to process HPV samples?

90% of our samples are reported within 16 days as of May 2025.

4) From the date in June 2025 that Belfast Trust's new cytology/HPV laboratory gained its formal accreditation, how many HPV samples have been sent to other laboratories for processing? Can you provide a breakdown of those other laboratories please?

Approx 13523 HPV samples were sent to Gateshead Laboratory September to October 2025.