

3 January 2025

Histopathology and Diagnostic Cytology Date

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you kindly complete the spreadsheet attached to provide information on the histopathology and diagnostic cytology tests carried out within the Pathology Laboratory at the Trust over the previous 3 calendar years (April 2021 - March 2024).

All questions relate to histopathology only (including routine immunohistochemistry) and diagnostic cytology, please do not include details for molecular pathology or any other disciplines unless otherwise stated.

Please complete all questions where possible – if precise data is unavailable, please provide an estimate (stating that data is an estimate plus likely error margin expressed as a percentage).

If unable to complete all questions, please provide a partial response (just completing the data that you can).

Information held by Belfast Trust in response to this request is attached in a separate Excel spreadsheet.

Note: You will note that it has not been possible to provide some of the information as it would take more than 18 hours to retrieve it.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.