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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PATHOLOGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the workings of the Pathology Laboratories.

Question:

- What hospitals are a part of your Trust / Health Board?

Answer:

Western General Hospital (WGH), Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE), St John's Hospital (StJs)

Question:

- Do any of these have Pathology Labs and if so which?

Answer:

Yes – RIE, WGH, StJs

Question:

- Which of the National Pathology Networks do you belong to?

Answer:

None - we are in Scotland and pathology networks don't apply

Question:

- Do you partner with any other Labs to work collectively?

Answer:

No

Question:

- What Laboratory Information Management systems (LIMS / LIS) do you use?

Answer:

ISoft/Daedelus Apex

Question:

- Do you have a Single instance / Pathology Network Wide LIS / LIMS solution?

Answer:

In Lothian yes it is a single instance

Question:

- When is the contract for your LIS / LIMS due to run out?

Answer:

We are on rolling contract with no end date

Question:

- Do you have a Blood Transfusion Laboratory at any of your locations and if so which?

Answer:

Yes at WGH and StJs - SNBTS run blood transfusion at RIE.

Question:

- Do you have an Electronic Blood Tracking solution?

Answer:

No

Question:

- Do you have a dedicated Transfusion Lab LIS / LIMS and if so which?

Answer:

No

Question:

- Do you have anyone leading on Digital Transformation projects and if so who (if not able to state a name, what is their Role / Job title)?

Answer:

No

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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