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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - HISTOPATHOLOGY SLIDES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Histopathology slides.

Question:

1. How many WSI (whole slide imaging) slide scanners does the Trust have installed in its Pathology Departments to digitise Histopathology slides

Answer:

There are five.

Question:

2. Please state in which year each of the scanners was purchased & Installed

Answer:

There are two scanners that are outside the time period requested.

- o 2 scanners installed April 2025
- o 1 scanner purchased in March 2025 but not installed yet

Question:

3. Please state if the method of acquisition was Capital Purchase, Lease or acquired using a Managed Service Contract.

Answer:

Capital and MSC.

Question:

4. If possible, please state the total capital amount invested by the Trust in their scanners for the periods requested

Answer:

£57,960 including VAT.

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Question:

5. Please state the brand and model of each scanner

Answer:

Glissando desktop scanner objective imaging.  
Philips Pathology scanner second Generation SG300.

Question:

6. Please state which Image Manage System (IMS) is used with the scanners

Answer:

Philips Intellisite software with iSyntax file format.

Question:

7. Please state what percentage of diagnostic cases were digitised in the last full year

Answer:

10%

Question:

8. If not 100% were specific subspecialities digitised?

Answer:

Neuropathology, lung and head and neck.

Question:

9. Do the Trust employed Histopathologists report from a Trust site or do they report from a remote site (e.g. home) or a hybrid model. Please state numbers

Answer:

Mostly on site reporting but some remote site working for mostly Neuropathology.

Question:

10. Is there any plan to purchase and add to the number of scanners already installed in the Trust in the current and next financial years

Answer:

Yes.

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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