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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PATHOLOGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to pathology.

### Question:

1. Which hospitals are part of your Trust or Health Board?
2. Which of these hospitals have Pathology Laboratories?
3. Which National Pathology Network does your organisation belong to?
4. Does your Pathology service operate in partnership with any other NHS Trusts or laboratories? If yes, please provide details.
5. What Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS) is currently used by your Pathology service? Please include the supplier and product name where possible.
6. Is your LIMS/LIS deployed as:
  - o A single-site instance
  - o A Trust-wide solution
  - o A Pathology Network-wide solution
  - o Other (please specify)
7. When is the current LIMS/LIS contract due to expire? If known, please also provide any extension options.
8. Do you operate Blood Transfusion Laboratories? If so, at which hospital sites?
9. Do you currently use an Electronic Blood Tracking solution? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.
10. Do you use a dedicated Transfusion Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS)? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.
11. Is there an individual or team responsible for leading Digital Transformation within Pathology or Diagnostics? If possible, please provide  
Name (where this is publicly disclosable under the FOI Act)  
Job title  
Department

Answer:

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| 1  | <p><b>Major Acute and Teaching Hospitals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE)</b> – Edinburgh <a href="https://med.scot.nhs.uk">[med.scot.nhs.uk]</a>, <a href="https://nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk">[nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk]</a></li> <li>• <b>Western General Hospital (WGH)</b> – Edinburgh <a href="https://med.scot.nhs.uk">[med.scot.nhs.uk]</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• <b>St John's Hospital</b> – Livingston, West Lothian <a href="https://med.scot.nhs.uk">[med.scot.nhs.uk]</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• <b>Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP)</b> – Edinburgh <a href="https://med.scot.nhs.uk">[med.scot.nhs.uk]</a></li> <li>• <b>Royal Edinburgh Hospital (REH)</b> – Edinburgh (mental health services) <a href="https://med.scot.nhs.uk">[med.scot.nhs.uk]</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Other NHS Lothian Hospitals and Community Hospitals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chalmers Hospital – Edinburgh <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion – Edinburgh <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Liberton Hospital – Edinburgh <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Astley Ainslie Hospital – Edinburgh <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• East Lothian Community Hospital – Haddington <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Belhaven Hospital – Dunbar <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Edington Cottage Hospital – North Berwick <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Midlothian Community Hospital – Bonnyrigg <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">[en.wikipedia.org]</a></li> <li>• Tippethill House Hospital – Whitburn</li> </ul> |
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| 3  | We do not belong to any "National Pathology Network" - these do not exist in NHS Scotland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 6  | Board wide solution for NHS Lothian                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7  | Our current contract expires in 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 11  | No  |
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| 11c | N/A |
| 11d | N/A |

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.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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