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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

Please see below the following questions, made as a Freedom of Information request. Please also be assured this is NOT a commercial request and will not be used in any commercial manner whatsoever. These queries are likely best responded to by a dedicated Pathology IT Lead or operational manager.

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1. Does your Trust have a single EPR system currently in use (as of 20/06/2019)?

**Yes**

- If 'Yes', what system is this, and is there a Pathology module actively in use or does the LIMS have an automated information feed into the EPR?

**Medway – the LIMS has an automated information feed into Medway**

- If 'No' are there agreed plans to begin implementation of an EPR in your Trust within the next 3 years?

2. What LIMS (Supplier/Vendor, version number) is currently (as of 20/06/2019) in-use across all disciplines managed within Pathology (such as but not limited to Microbiology, Blood Sciences, Cellular Pathology, Mortuary)?

**DXC, iLabTP version 2.2**

3. When was the hardware for the server of this LIMS last refreshed?

**27/01/2018.**

4. When was a disaster recovery exercise of the LIMS/EPR last performed (month/year)?

**Medway was implemented at the end of April 2018. A full disaster recovery exercise has not been undertaken yet. Business continuity plans have been tested**

5. Does your current LIMS have inbuilt business intelligence software tools, such as SQL reporting?

**No**

- If 'Yes', what is this tool and is it made available Trust/network wide or access limited to dedicated Pathology users?

6. Is your Trust currently part of a Pathology network?

**No**

- If 'Yes', what LIMS are currently (as of 20/06/2019) in use within the networked laboratory sites? Has a formal process begun of selecting a single LIMS provider for your network? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?

- If 'No', has a process begun of selecting a new LIMS provider for your Trust? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?

**No**

7. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in secondary care?

**Yes**

- If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) are currently in use?

**Medway**

8. Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in primary/tertiary care?

**Yes**

- If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) are currently in use?

**Sunquest / CliniSys ICE**

9. Do you currently use nPex or other 3rd party software for exporting / importing results and requests between either network partners or external reference laboratories?

**Yes**

- If 'Yes', could you provide details of which Pathology disciplines use this software, and who their primary reference / network laboratory is for this communication link.

**Microbiology – Manchester Royal Infirmary  
Blood Sciences – Lancashire Teaching Hospitals**

10. Does administration of Pathology specific software (such as LIMS, document control, stock databases, middleware) lie within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?

**Dedicated Pathology IT Team.**

11. Does administration of Pathology specific hardware lie (such as shared network storage, report printers, dedicated servers) within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?

**Trust-wide IT Team.**

12. Does your Pathology department have a formal service level agreement or equivalent with your Trust/Network IT department with stated roles and responsibilities for IT maintenance and project development?

**No**

13. If your Pathology IT has a dedicated team, how many WTE are assigned to this team?

**Two**