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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6147**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 29th January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

1. Do you have a single electronic record across your NHS Trust/Health Board?

I can confirm the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, do not have a single electronic records across the Trust.

2. Do you have a single Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) across your NHS Trust/Health Board?

Yes.

3. Is there a clinical use of any pathology IT systems in your NHS Trust/Health Board outside of microbiology/pathology laboratories?

No.

4. Do you have a remotely accessible pathology IT system? If no, do you have plans to move to a remotely accessible LIMS in the next a) 1 year, b) 2 years, c) 3 years, d) 5 years or e) some point in the future?

Yes.

5. In your NHS Trust/Health Board what percentage of point of care systems link into your LIMS?

25%.

6. Does your pharmacy receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust/Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?

This can vary depending on the region/ locality the patient attends for bloods; and includes all of the above i.e. local Trust laboratory (which gets uploaded to ePR/ IT systems), we have to use the local Trust/ Health Board patient record for patients outside of Liverpool, some of which can't be accessed electronically, this has to be telephoned, requested and forwarded in the agreed process.

7. Do your General Practices receive patient laboratory test results from a) the laboratory, b) Trust/Health Board patient record, c) pathology IT system, or d) other please specify?

N/A



8. Who in your NHS Trust/Health Board is responsible for a) the procurement, b) implementation, and c) operational management of pathology IT systems.

- a) Associate Director of Procurement
- b) Chief Digital Information Officer
- c) Neuroscience Laboratories Clinical Director

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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