

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/086**

**IT Systems**

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

No.

- 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?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within Regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within Regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

- 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?**

Pharmacy does not get sent results directly, but it can view results using Welsh Clinical Portal to access the patient record.

**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?**

Via the GP Links System.

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

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.