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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Sample Tracking System.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like to make an FOI request for the following data please:

Which, if any, 'sample tracking system' is used in your histology (histopathology) service.

A1 Roche Vantage (laboratory tracking)

Q2 If applicable, the cost of the respective sample tracking systems used.

A2 See below:
Capital cost: £106215 (2018/19)

Q3 The total number of reported lost histology (histopathology) specimens, from within pathology dating from 2020-present date.

A3 2 cases; whereby the retained tissue was not available to be re-sampled for extra blocks

Q4 The average time spent searching for further work requested blocks.

A4 8.5 hours per day

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Yours,



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