

To: Director of Pathology OR General Manager for Pathology Services OR Head of Pathology Operations

Dear Colleague,

We are carrying out a short survey to understand the impact of Lord Carter's reviews and the HSCA 2012 on pathology services across England and the potential role of private providers.

For *pathology services*, we are considering the following laboratory diagnostic specialties: Chemical pathology/Clinical biochemistry, Hematology, Medical Microbiology and Virology, Histopathology.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we seek the following information within your NHS Trust/NHS Foundation Trust:

NAME of NHS Trust/Foundation Trust:

1. How many hospitals is your NHS Trust/NHS Foundation Trust currently managing?

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2. Did this/these hospital(s) use to have their own pathology laboratory in the year 2010?

Yes No

3. Are you pathology services currently centralized (or partially centralized) in a main laboratory in line with Lord Carter's review?

Yes No

If YES, please specify the DATE of the first centralization and the NUMBER of previous laboratories now merged into one:

Date of centralization:

Number of previous laboratories:

If NO, please specify if centralization is planned in the near future:

Yes No

4. Are you pathology services currently managed by a private provider (even if shared and/or joint venture)?

Yes No

If YES, please specify the NAME of the private provider:

NA

Also, what type of private partnership do you have?

Completely private Joint venture Other (please specify)

NA

5. In the year 2010, were your pathology services managed by a private provider?

Yes No

6. What is your current total budget for pathology services (in GBP) including laboratory staff?

12.5M

7. In the year 2010, what was your total budget for pathology services (in GBP) including laboratory staff?

£8,211K

8. How many people are currently employed by your pathology services?

164

9. Have your pathology services had any redundancies in the last 5 years?

Yes No

If YES, how many?

NA

10. Has your pathology staff been TUPE transferred from NHS to another company/entity in the last five years?

Yes No

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the Data Protection Act, please inform us of that fact and cite the exemptions used. If you need any clarification then please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and we look forward to hearing from you within the 20-working day statutory time period. Let us know if you envisage a longer period to reply to our questions.

We thank you in advance for your participation and we would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire and return to:

Dr Giovanni Satta, email: sattafoi2015@gmail.com (preferred)

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