

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**

**Date Request Received: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

**FOI Ref No 29420**

**Requested Information:**

**Slide digitisation -**

1. Please list the suppliers or companies currently used (*if any, else respond with "Not used"*) to digitise pathology slides within your trust's pathology services (i.e. for converting glass slides into whole-slide images):
  - a. Supplier name (Philips, Leica, Hamamatsu, Roche Diagnostics, etc.)
  - b. Model(s) installed
  - c. Number of scanners deployed
  - d. Year of deployment
  - e. Method of acquisition (capital purchase, lease or managed service contract)
  - f. Was the scanner procured directly from the manufacturer or via a reseller? (if known)
  - g. If applicable, any external service providers (e.g. outsourced scanning)

**Slide reading -**

2. Please detail any software or AI tools used (*if any, else respond with "Not used"*) for reading, analysing, or supporting the interpretation of digital pathology slides:
  - a. Software/company name (Sectra, Paige, Ibex, PathAI, Indica Labs, Aiforia, etc.)
  - b. Product name (if known)
  - c. Use case (e.g. viewer only, AI diagnosis support, automated screening, triage)
  - d. Year of deployment
  - e. Was the software procured directly from the supplier or via a reseller? (if known)

*Note: Provide the above for each software or AI tool used (multiple)*

**Digital adoption -**

3. For your trust's pathology services, please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years (*FY 2022/23 [1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023], FY 2023/24 [1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024], and FY 2024/25 [1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025]*):
  - a. Total number of histopathology glass slides prepared
  - b. Total number of histopathology slides digitalised using whole-slide scanners (if known)
  - c. Total number of unique histopathology cases reported (*including all reporting modalities*)

- d. Total number of histopathology cases reported digitally (*using screen-based reading/viewers, not by light microscopy*)

Please fill out your responses in the **attached Excel** (appendix one)

**Response:**

Please note that Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust's pathology department is not currently scanning / digitising any slides.

1. The department is not currently using digital scanners.
2. The department is not currently using digital scanners.
3. The department is not currently using digital scanners.

**Attachment(s):**

Appendix one – FOI Ref 29420 Digital Pathology Spreadsheet

**Date Response sent: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025**