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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Pathology Services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

[Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust](#)

2. Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

[Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - £1,383,947](#)

[Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust - £34,752](#)

3. Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider
 - Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract
 - Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
 - Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
 - Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
 - Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

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4. Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

No