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Requested:

1. Do you have a single electronic record across your NHS Trust/Health Board?
2. Do you have a single Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) across your NHS Trust/Health Board?
3. Is there a clinical use of any pathology IT systems in your NHS Trust/Health Board outside of microbiology/pathology laboratories?
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?
5. In your NHS Trust/Health Board what percentage of point of care systems link into your LIMS?
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?
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?
8. Who in your NHS Trust/Health Board is responsible for a) the procurement, b) implementation, and c) operational management of pathology IT systems.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does have a single electronic record in use across the UHB - Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP).
2. The UHB does not have a single Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in use across the UHB; it has three (3) separate Telepath systems.
3. The UHB does not use clinical pathology IT systems outside of its microbiology/pathology laboratories.
4. The UHB confirms that it does have a remotely accessible pathology IT system.
5. The UHB confirms that approximately 98% of point of care systems link into its LIMS.
6. The UHB confirms that its Pharmacy Department receives patient laboratory test results from patient records.
7. The GP Surgeries in the UHB's geographical area receives patient laboratory test results from Pathology IT systems.

8. Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) is responsible for the procurement, implementation and operational management of the Pathology IT system. Additionally, the UHB's Pathology staff implement and manage the system locally.