



The Royal College of **Pathologists**

Pathology: the science behind the cure

RCPATH – Electron Microscopy / Ultrastructural Pathology response to HEE’s Strategic Framework Call for Evidence 2021

This is a brief paragraph summarising the situation in electron microscopy / ultrastructural pathology.

- The diagnostic electron microscopy activity in the UK is so poorly resourced and bled dry by underinvestment and a reluctance on the part of pathology service providers to pay a realistic rate per sample, that it is essentially unsustainable.
- There is little in the way of coordinated training or staff development. The majority of units are significantly understaffed and unable to respond to the increasing case volume.
- As things stand, we estimate one unit loses ~£600 per sample. This is clearly a concern to senior management, and all involved.