

Following the redeployment of a number of trainees from our department, a skeleton staff of five trainees and clinical fellows remained. Although there was a significant reduction in workload, we continued to receive emergency specimens and major cancer resection specimens that were deemed too urgent to delay. This included a number of cases that were not able to be undertaken at other hospitals within the cancer networks due to the pressure of Covid 19, but were able to be performed at our tertiary centre and utilising facilities in the private sector. We were able to devise a flexible working rota in order to be able to provide an ongoing service for the macroscopic cut up of these cases, while also minimising the risk of Covid 19, through reducing the number of people working within the department at one time.

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