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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd February 2021 (received into our office 23rd February) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Chronic Renal products.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS

On 23rd February 2021 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information.

You replied the same day with:

“To clarify the item you highlighted, this refers to historical data indicating the number of treatments provided either monthly or annually.”

We responded via email with:

Thank you, however we still require timeframe, are you asking us to go back to data from last week or last year?

You replied via email with:

“My apologies – if possible for year 2020 but happy to accept a typical month if that helps?”

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.



Q1 [REDACTED] is a newly formed international company working in partnership with a well-established medical device manufacturer based in China. Our design and manufacturing partners have over 30 years' experience in the Medical Devices Industry and our aim is to become the partner of choice in the UK, offering high quality products and significant cost savings to the NHS. Our current focus is on Chronic Renal products and we seek assistance in understanding current market trends. We would therefore appreciate your answers to the below questions.

Question	Answer
How many Dialysis machines do you have?	
What type of Dialysis machines do you currently have? (if split fleet how many of each type)	
Are the machines Trust assets or supplied free of charge for a consumable contract?	
What Bloodlines do you use?	
What Dialysers do you use?	
Which needles do you use? (Fistula)	
Are these Safety needles?	
What Dialysis concentrate do you use?	
What Bicarbonate system and type do you use?	
How many Haemodialysis sessions are carried out each month / year in the Trust?	
How many satellite units do you have?	
Are you able to give the patient split between the main unit and the satellite units?	
Does the Trust use a Purchasing Framework for procuring dialysis products, if so which?	
What is the state of the current contract?	
When is the current contract due to be renewed?	

A1 See below:

Question	Answer
How many Dialysis machines do you have?	123
What type of Dialysis machines do you Currently have? (if split fleet how many of each type)	Fresenius 5008 (76) / 5008s (47)
Are the machines Trust assets or supplied free of charge for a consumable contract?	Trust Assets
What Bloodlines do you use?	Fresenius
What Dialysers do you use?	FX 8800 /FX600 and Nipro Sureflux
Which needles do you use? (Fistula)	Nipro
Are these Safety needles?	Yes

What Dialysis concentrate do you use?	Fresenius A5
What Bicarbonate system and type do you use?	Bi Bag
How many Haemodialysis sessions are carried out each month / year in the Trust?	34590 in total from main unit and satellite unit that has 40 patient , the other satellite information not held
How many satellite units do you have?	2 units
Are you able to give the patient split between the main unit and the satellite units?	160 patients main unit , 40 patients satellite 1 , and 55 patients satellite 2
Does the Trust use a Purchasing Framework for procuring dialysis products, if so which?	NHS Supply Chain Coordination Ltd NHS Supply Chain/Akeso
What is the state of the current contract?	Current framework
When is the current contract due to be renewed?	31/03/22

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

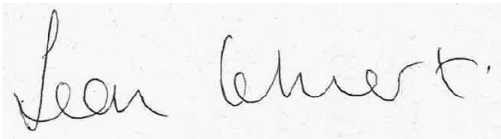
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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