



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

**Royal Stoke University Hospital
Data, Security and Protection**

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Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-074

Date 2nd May 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Spend data

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 I am writing to you on behalf of the Health Service Journal (HSJ). I am submitting a request for information held by the Trust under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you send me, or publish on your website, your spending transactions over £25,000 for the month of March 2024?

Kindly note that there is a government requirement for you to publish this data and for the majority of Trust this information is available on their website, but after searching your website, I could not find it anywhere.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<https://www.uhn.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/expenditure-25k/>

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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.

Yours,



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