



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-821

Date: 14th March 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

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

On 5th March 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

To continue with your request please could you clarify what is meant by clinical insourcing? Does this refer to stock or clinicians?

On 11th March 2024 you replied via email with:

'Insourcing is a short to medium term solution that allows you to retain capacity planning in-house, ensuring that patients can be seen within the Trust'

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 In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following information -

Which Clinical In-sourcing providers does the Trust use for the following departments -

**Audiology
Pathology**

A1 See below:

Audiology:

- i. Locum Audiologists – these have been with Maxxima and Mediplacements in the past

Pathology:

- i. Locum Pathologists support histopathology reporting: Pathology Group and Athona

Locum medical microbiologists x 2 long term bookings due to vacancies: Medilink Consulting and Athona

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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.

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Yours,



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