



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-243

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Technology budget.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information you have pertaining to the Information Technology budget of your Trust:**

**Definitions:**

**Information request #1:**

**1. The total Information Technology budget of your Trust in the four financial years from 2017 to 2021.**

Total IT budget				
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Budget (£)				

**Note: Request 1 is our highest priority – please return your response to 1 as soon as it is ready. If points 2 and 3 result in a greater administrative burden or cost of research, then we are happy for you to respond with these at a later date.**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding Technology budget, but feel that some of 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:

<http://www.uhm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

See below:

Total IT budget				
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21

Budget (£)	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	10,183,487	12,290,556
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**Q2 Information request #2:**

2. The total Information Technology budget of your Trust in the four financial years from 2017 to 2021, broken down into the following categories:

- Hardware
- Software
- Services
- Staff

	IT budget			
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Hardware (£)				
Software (£)				
Services (£)				
Staff (£)				

Note: If the above categories do not correspond to your accounts, please attach a copy showing the categories and the corresponding numbers which you do have. Any breakdown of the IT budget would be useful, even if it is not exactly the same as the above.

**A2 See below:**

	IT budget			
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Hardware (£)	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021
Software (£)	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021
Services (£)	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119-2021
Staff (£)	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	Exempt- refer to FOI119- 2021	155.49	164.08

**Q3 Information request #3:**

3. Breakdown of your Trust's Information Technology budget for the four financial years from 2017 to 2021, broken down into the highest level of detail that is readily available, including subcategories. Example of these may include but are not limited to:

- Security hardware
- Operating systems
- Security software
- Other software
- Etc.

A3 UHNM is unable to split this out as it is part of a wider budget

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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.

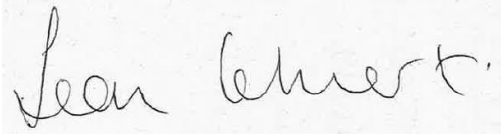
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**