



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-479

Date: 1st February 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th January 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding funding.

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 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request some information from your Trust.

In 2019 BMA and NHS England (NHSE) reached an agreement for funds to be allocated to trusts providing they signed up to the Fatigue and Facilities Charter. Up to £60,000 was allocated to individual trusts, with spending to be determined by the Trust Junior Doctor Forums.

The BMA are now in the process of auditing how this money has been spent and are asking all Trusts who received the money to provide details of how it has been spent or is planning to be spent if there is still money remaining.

Please could you provide us with the information below?

1. Funding

Total Funds Given to Trust	
Total Funds Spent so far	
Total Funds Unspent so far	
Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items	

A1 Please see below:

Total Funds Given to Trust	£30000
Total Funds Spent so far	£1800
Total Funds Unspent so far	£28200
Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items	£28200

Q2 What was your process for allocation of funds?

- a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?
- b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?
- c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?
- d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?

A2 See below:

a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?	Yes and the Mess Management Committee and junior doc reps.
b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?	The doctors-in-training BMA rep sits on the LNC and was involved.
c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?	See above
d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?	Mess committee and DME

Q3 If you have spent all the funding, when was this achieved (month and year if possible)?

A3 Not all spent as it was delayed due to COVID , works planned on Mess

Q4 What are the plans for any unused funding at the end of this financial year?

- a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?
- b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?

A4 See below:

a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?	UHNM is hoping works will be completed this financial year otherwise monies will be brought forward as budget to next financial year
b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?	Sit within Postgraduate Medical And Dental Education budget

Q5 Were there barriers to spending/allocating the money?

A5 COVID pandemic delayed spending the money as unable to get contractors in to do work. No other barriers

Q6 Please provide a breakdown on what items/areas the money has been spent/allocated on so far (proforma below can be used if easier)

Item/area of Expenditure i.e. sofas, mess	Total Funds Allocated	Spent/Unspent

--	--	--

A6 See below:

Item/area of Expenditure i.e. sofas, mess	Total Funds Allocated	Spent/Unspent
Reclining chairs for ITU/Anaesthetics	£1800	Spent
Upgrading mess facilities	£28200	Unspent

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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,



University Hospitals
of North Midlands
NHS Trust

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager

