



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-297

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Date: 13th September 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding tender for clinical waste.

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 Please can you provide a copy of the recent winning tender submission for the provision of clinical waste?

This request is for the written response only provided under the North of England Framework, Lot 2 Healthcare waste, not the pricing matrix as we understand this information is commercially sensitive.

A1 The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the winning tender. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of those organisations with whom we hold the contract and would also cite exemption section 41(36)(45a)(51) *provided in confidence*.

The Trust feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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

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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.

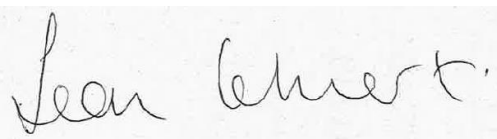
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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