



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 6th December 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th November 2019 (received into our office 2nd December) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding spend/transparency data

As of 1st 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 I am looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following web link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/FreedomofInformationPublicationScheme.aspx>

There appears to be no file available for the month of Oct 2019. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the Oct 2019 file?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding spend/transparency data, but feel this information is exempt under section 22: *Information for future publication*.

Please note the following: HM Treasury guidance is as follows (from the web address below)

[http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/pdf/HM_Treasury_Guidance_-_Publication_of_Spend_over_25000\[1\].pdf](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/pdf/HM_Treasury_Guidance_-_Publication_of_Spend_over_25000[1].pdf)

2.3 Timing

2.3.1 Spend is to be published monthly, by working day 15 after each month end. This will start in November 2010, where spend in October must be published by working day 15 (19th November 2010). Data will be published monthly thereafter. If the data is available before working day 15, it should be published as soon as the department has cleared it for release.

*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.

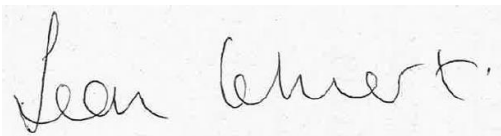
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager