



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-210

Date: 14th July 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding hotels.

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 Does the Trust send patients to hotels as part of their treatment or recovery? If so, please stipulate the circumstances in which this policy applies.

A1 We do not send patients to hotels as part of treatment or recovery

Q2 Which hotels have been used by the Trust for this purpose since 2020?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how many patients have been sent by the Trust to hotels as part of their treatment or recovery? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23, and financial year 2023-24 to date this FOI request was received.

A3 Not applicable

Q4 Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how much has the Trust spent on sending patients to hotels? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23, and financial year 2023-24 to date this FOI request was received.

A4 Not applicable

*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 671612.

Yours,



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