

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-682

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 (received into our office 24<sup>th</sup> February) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding translation services

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Could I please request the total amount University Hospitals of North Midlands spent on translation services in the following financial years?**

- **2016-17**
- **2017-18**
- **2018-19**

**In each year, please separately state:**

- **The amount spent on interpreters/oral communication**
- **The amount spent on written, translated material.**
- **If possible, please state separately the amount spent on translation services for the hearing impaired (i.e. BSL and braille)**

A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheet and below: note- last 3 financial years for sign language and foreign language interpretation. Please also note 2019/20 is YTD cost up to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 for BSL and up to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 for foreign language interpretation.

	BSL £
2016/17	46,866
2017/18	56,059
2018/19	53,645
2019/20	66,048

	Foreign Language £	Written translation £
2016/17	188,678.64	78.00
2017/18	153,690.97	74.52
2018/19	106,665.98	500.78
2019/20	98,125.92	710.37

\*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.

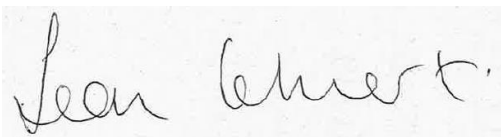
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**