



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-510

Date: 18th January 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the Sterile Services.

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 could I kindly ask for the following information under the ‘Freedom of Information Request Act 2000’?

1. How old is the water treatment equipment used for the Sterile Services Department and Endoscope Reprocessor?

A1 At UHNM the water treatment equipment for washer disinfectors was installed in 2008, the water treatment equipment for the endowashers, one was installed in 2008 and one in 2020

Q2 Are there any future plans to replace the water treatment plants for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?

A2 At UHNM water treatment equipment is being reviewed at the County Hospital site. The water treatment equipment units for both at the Royal Stoke Hospital site are also being reviewed

Q3 Who is the manufacturer of the current water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?

A3 The water treatment equipment for the washers at the Royal Stoke is Wychwood the Endowashers is Veolia. The water treatment equipment at County Hospital it is Purite

Q4 Who currently maintains the water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?

If you have more than one hospital site – could you kindly give me the above requested information for all hospitals within your group.

A4 See below;

- Royal site = Sodexo

- County = Trust Estates department

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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.

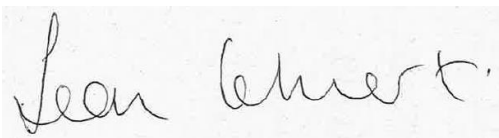
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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