



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 18th May 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th May 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding shopping outlets

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read my email and the time taken to respond. I am currently running a research project into the retail outlets within our NHS hospitals and trusts across the UK. Under the freedom of information act, I am hoping you can inform me who runs your retail outlets, whether this is an in-house or outsourced operation and when the next time you will be reviewing these contracts are in each of your hospitals?

A1 The Trust has food and drink outlets on both of its sites; these are a mix of Trust run and outsourced retail outlets. The majority of retail outlets are with external suppliers; these include charities, small independent retailers and national retail operators. As there are a number of food and drink retail outlets in various locations; contact lengths are determined by the Trust on a case by case basis and therefore the contracts are not all co-terminus (ie expire at once on a



specified date) and are therefore managed and reviewed on an on-going and case by case basis as required.

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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

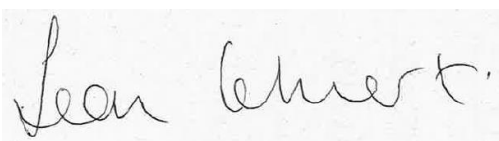
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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