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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th May 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding decontamination.

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.

On 23rd May 2022 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant for question 12

On the same day you replied via email with:

'Thank you for coming back to me and I would like to clarify Q12, as follows:

A number of NHS Trusts deliver automated disinfection processes in house. However, they sometimes employ decontamination specialist companies to treat larger areas. Hence, the question is 'do you use a managed service in addition to your own operation?'

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 What process/products do you use for disinfection/decontamination additional to a manual cleaning programme, for instance for a terminal clean or an outbreak?



- A1 Virosolve and Tristal are used for manual cleaning process. Terminal cleaning requirements are led by the Infection Prevention Team.
- Q2 Do you use Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour (HPV Fogging) or Ultraviolet (UVC) for decontamination?**
- A2 N/A as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q3 What companies do you use and how many units do you have in operation for both HPV and UVC?**
- A3 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q4 Is the equipment operated by NHS staff, or by an outsourced Contract Cleaning Company? If the latter, who is the contractor?**
- A4 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q5 Were these systems purchased via a tender or mini competition?**
- A5 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q6 Were these systems purchased through a framework agreement or direct sale?**
- A6 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q7 Were these systems purchased outright, or via a lease rental package?**
- A7 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q8 What were the costs of the systems when new?**
- A8 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q9 Who is your current supplier and are you under contract?**
- A9 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q10 What is the annual value of this contract, including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements?**
- A10 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q11 What is the start and end date of the contract?**
- A11 Not applicable as this equipment is not used at either site by the retained cleaning services
- Q12 Do you use a managed service in addition to your own operation?**
- A12 This service is not utilised by the retained cleaning services

Q13 Could you provide me with the contact details for the person/s responsible for the fields below?

- **Infection Prevention and Control**
- **Estates & Facilities / Domestics**
- **Procurement**
- **Housekeeping**

A13 See below:

- Infection Prevention and Control – Emyr Phillips*
- Estates & Facilities / Domestics – Mike Brown* (Retained cleaning Services)
- Stephen Brown* – Estates at County
- Dominic Davenport* – Retained Estates at Royal Stoke
- Procurement – John Carter*
- Housekeeping - Mike Brown* (Retained cleaning Services)

*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.

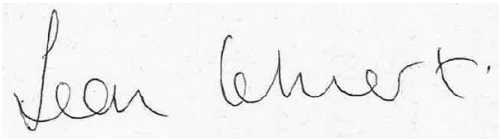
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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