



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-280

Date: 8th August 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 31st July 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding BACS payments

On the same day we contacted you via email with the following
To continue with your request we require clarification the time frame you are referring to

You replied via email with the following'
'The time frame we are referring to is annually, so how much yearly are you paying for your BACS software'

We responded with:

Thankyou, but are you referring to this year, or last year?

You replied:

'For both this year and last year please.'

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 may you provide me with:

What software you are currently using to facilitate BACS payments & what is the date of the renewal for this contract?

A1 Not applicable to UHNM- our accounts payable service is outsourced to East Lancashire Financial Services we do not make payments ourselves.

Q2 How much you are paying annually for this contract, and where do you advertise for this tender?

This is to identify tender opportunities, please provide the information in the form of an email.

A2 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.

Yours,



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