



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-490

Date: 8th November 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding gift cards.

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 provide as a Freedom of Information disclosure:

Total NHS Trust spending on gift cards and gift vouchers in:

2022/23

2021/22

2020/21

For each year please provide a breakdown of Total spending on

Gift cards and vouchers for staff

Gift cards and vouchers for patients on health incentive schemes (such as losing weight, quitting smoking, cutting down or quitting alcohol). If possible please break down the spending for each type of scheme.

A1 Whilst we can provide the spend we cannot indicate between staff and patients but predominantly the requests do come from charitable funds and the vouchers are ordered via the credit card. We are unable to indicate if the vouchers are for any health incentive schemes

2022/23 - £2,650

2021/22 - £1,990

2020/21 - £3,650

*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,



Rachel Montinaro
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