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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding NHS agency/locum spending

On the same day we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification that you actually want this financial year's information? To make you aware that the financial year is only 5 months in, therefore you would receive very little information, and most of this would be exempt under section 22 of the FoI Act: future publication .

On 9th November 2023 you replied via email with:
'Please accept my apologies for the late reply. Yes I would like to receive this financial year's information. Please could you advise me on when I could expect to receive a response.'

We replied via email with:
Thankyou for your clarification below for this years data, however as your request was paused for 22 days whilst we waited for you to respond with the clarification, therefore the clock re-starts today, making the deadline 8th December, if you no longer want this information please let us know

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 I'd like to request information for this financial year (2023/24) for University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.

I'm requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act because I couldn't find it in your relevant Integrated Care Board's (ICB) published papers.

We had sent FOI requests to the relevant ICBs but were told we would need to send FOI requests to NHS Trusts.

My request is as follows:

Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.

A1 No financial target was set for the Trust. The ICB system was set a target of £38.6m. This was not allocated to provider level

Q2 Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:

- 1. Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)**
 - a. Planned surplus/deficit**
 - b. Planned expenditure**

- 2. Workforce expenditure**
 - a. Planned agency/locum spend**
 - b. Planned bank spend**
 - c. Planned total staff expenditure**

- 3. Efficiency savings**
 - a. Planned efficiency savings**

A2 See attached spreadsheet

Q3 Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

- 1. Trust financial position**
 - a. Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12**
 - b. Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12**

- 2. Workforce expenditure**
 - a. Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12**
 - b. Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12**
 - c. Actual spend relating to industrial action, and forecast outturn for M12**
 - d. Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12**

- 3. Efficiency savings**
 - a. Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12**

- 4. Prescribing costs**
 - a. Actual spend relating to prescribing, and forecast outturn for M12**

A3 See attached spreadsheet

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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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