

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-163

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Date: 1st September 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5th August 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding thermal screening system

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.

On the same day we contacted you via email to inform you that we were not Treliske Hospital, and that you did not attach a PDF document.

You replied via email with the following:

"Thanks for your prompt reply and my apologies for the error! I meant at UHNM, not Treliske. I have attached the PDF to this email as well, in case you need it."

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 My name is [REDACTED] I am a journalist for [REDACTED] the world's leading video surveillance news website. We are writing about the use of thermal imaging cameras to screen for fevers at NHS facilities, including one such system at UHNM per its own press release:

[REDACTED]

I request that a copy of the following document (or documents) be sent to my email address which is [REDACTED]

- The full contract/purchase order for fever screening thermal imaging equipment at UHNM Hospital including the full list of equipment being used and pricing details I have attached a PDF of my FOI request to this email for your convenience.
If you have any questions regarding my request please let me know via email.

A1 We currently have eight (8) fever detectors in use across our sites at UHNM. The cost of fever scanner and support for one year was £88,750 plus VAT

*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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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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Data, Security & Protection Manager