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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th May 2023 sent to the executive team requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding car parking.

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 Costs incurred by the Trust for provision of car parking year 2022-23.

A1 For the year April 2022 to March 23

County Car parking total costs incurred were £644,719
Royal Stoke Car Parking total costs incurred were £2,230,977
Therefore UHNM Car Parking total costs incurred were £2,875,696

Q2 Profits from patient and visitor parking year 2022-23.

A2 It is not possible to allocate all costs incurred split between patient/visitor and staff parking. However the figures below represent patient, visitor and staff parking accounts in total.

For the year April 2022 to March 23 (note UHNM did not make a profit)

County total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £93,756
Royal Stoke total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £28,030
Therefore UHNM total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £121,796

Q3 Profits from staff parking year 2022-23.

A3 It is not possible to allocate all costs incurred split between patient/visitor and staff parking. However the figures below represent patient, visitor and staff parking accounts in total.

For the year April 2022 to March 23 (note UHNM did not make a profit)

County total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £93,756

Royal Stoke total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £28,030
Therefore UHNM total losses incurred from Car Parking activities were £121,796

Q4 Can you explain and justify the ethical and moral standpoint of this policy please?

A4 The Trusts car parking policy has been in place since 2012, and is agreed if amended by a multi-disciplinary group including union representation. In line with the majority of Trusts in England, in order to offer car parking facilities for patients, visitors and staff, costs incurred for the management, upkeep, and utilities must be covered. Failure to cover these costs would result in funding being used for car parking provision that is currently used for direct patient care. All car parking tariffs are agreed annually by a multi-disciplinary group including union representation

Q5 Has the Trust considered over recovery of staff parking being refunded to the staff?

A5 As the figures above confirm, currently the Trust is providing car parking facilities for patients, visitors and staff at a small loss, therefore there would not be any funds available to re-distribute.

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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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