



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-565

Date: 18th February 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th February 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding locum spend from April 2021 to present.

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.

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 Total Spend on Locums – From April 2021 – until Present.

What areas of locums spend, EI Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, A&E, Anaesthetics?

A1 See below: please note that the below includes internal locums only; these are staff that are processed through our payroll but are on temporary contracts.

Orthopaedics	435,558.60
Imaging	296,566.53
A&E	234,139.63
Obstetrics Management	227,125.81
Urology	223,938.51
Neurology	204,986.41

Child Health Management	178,697.16
Plastics	133,990.73
Stroke	101,082.96
Clinical Haematology	98,843.12
Vascular Surgery	92,704.50
Anaesthetics	83,679.94
Colorectal Surgery	78,625.43
Neuro Surgery	66,791.43
ENT	62,273.48
Breast Surgery	61,887.96
Upper Gi Surgery	41,156.70
Cardiothoracic Surgery	15,089.39
Frail Elderly	7,521.77
Gastroenterology	779.93
TOTAL SPEND	£2,645,439.99

*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.

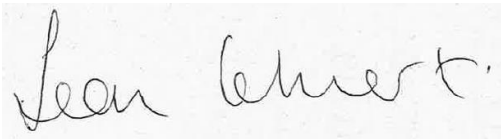
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager