



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-010

Date: 14th April 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8th April 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding expenditure on nursing staff

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 I would like the answer to these questions via email.
What was your overall annual expenditure on nursing staff salaries for the most recent financial year available?**

A1 See below:

5AN - Level 5 Account Name	S - Substantive Staff		
Row Labels		Sum of CY_YTD_Act	Sum of PY_YTD_Act
S - Qualified Nursing		126,318,274	139,390,641
Grand Total		126,318,274	139,390,641

Above includes qualified nursing salaries only (i.e. AfC B5 and above) including overtime and enhancements

- CY_YTD actual = April 2020-February 2021

- PY_YTD actual = April 2019-March 2020

Q2 For the same year, what was your overall expenditure on external agencies providing nurses to work within the Trust?

A2 See below:

5AN - Level 5 Account Name A - Agency Staff		
Row Labels	Sum of CY_YTD_Act	Sum of PY_YTD_Act
A - Qualified Nursing	1,712,459	2,134,827
Grand Total	1,712,459	2,134,827

Above includes qualified nursing only (i.e. AfC B5 and above)

- CY_YTD actual = April 2020-February 2021
- PY_YTD actual = April 2019-March 2020

Q3 For the same year can you tell me how many shifts were covered by Agency nurses and what proportion of overall shifts that is?

A3 5407 shifts, agency usage of 1.4% against total shifts worked

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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

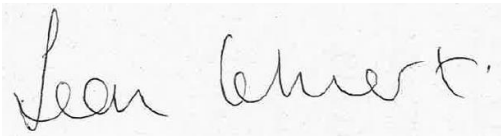
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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,



Jean Lehnert
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