



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-006

Date: 19th April 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd April (sent to the CEO) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Associate Hours

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 The total number of shift hours filled by a physician associate, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A1 UHNM does not hold the information you have requested as it is not recorded in the format you are requiring for all these years and would therefore require us to extrapolate information from different systems and create a new report to provide this. The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, as well as creating new information, this would also take in excess of the 18 hours allowed for under the FOI Act and would therefore be exempt under section 12: *cost of compliance is excessive.*

Q2 The total number of shift hours filled by a junior doctor, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 The total number of shift hours filled by an anaesthesia associate, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A3 As answer 1

Q4 The total number of shift hours filled by an anaesthetist, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A4 As answer 1

*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.

Yours,



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