

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-358

Date: 8th December 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24/11/2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding international recruitment

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 Number of nurses recruited from international countries over the past 12 months?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI ref 281-2021

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Q2 Amount spent on the recruitment of international nurses over the past 12 months?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 How many agencies are currently on the international recruitment of nurses PSL? Are all of these agencies framework approved?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 Within the next 12 months do you have any plans to recruit international nurses via means of a tender or mini competition? If yes then please specify via which means.

A4 As answer 1

Q5 Outside of the procurement team, who is the decision maker (name and job designation) with regards to who is placed on the international recruitment of nurses PSL?

A5 Not applicable

Q6 If you are currently running international recruitment of nurses projects then please confirm the process to be added to the PSL and the duration of the existing contract. If

there is an extension clause on the existing contract, and no agencies are being added to the PSL, then please confirm the duration

A6 As answer 1

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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.

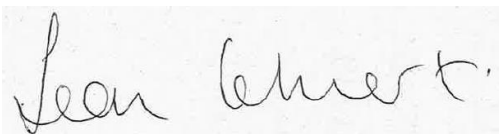
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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





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