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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding insourcing of clinical services.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual departmental records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all departmental records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all departmental records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

On the same day we contacted you via email as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 you replied via email your name:

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Can the Trust confirm the following for insourced clinical services, that is, where an external provider team comes in to perform extra procedures within the Trust facilities? This usually occurs during the weekend but can happen at other time. In short, can the Trust provide?**

**Can this be provided for the following financial years?**

- 2018/19 to date
- 2017/18
- 2016/17
- 2015/16
- 2014/15
- 2013/14

- 2012/13
- 2011/12
- 2010/11
- 2009/10

The total number of procedures completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:

- Endoscopy
- Ophthalmology
- ENT
- Neurology
- Dermatology
- All Other

A1 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q2 The total spend completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:

- Endoscopy
- Ophthalmology
- ENT
- Neurology
- Dermatology
- All Other

A2 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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle  
**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**