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Date: 30th July 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 20th July 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patents and licenses

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

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 This is a request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by email, on the 19th of July, 2020.

Regarding patents that your organisation does own or has previously owned, as a sole owner or jointly with others, please provide me with:

1. The number of licensing or assignment agreements signed between your organisation and another entity/entities, granting rights to such patents or transferring ownership of such patents, since the year 2000.

A1 One

Q2 A list of all licensing agreements signed between your organisation and other parties on such patents, containing, for each agreement: the name(s) of the party/parties and year of signing, since the year 2000.

A2 None

Q3 The annual income from each of these licensing agreements, by year, since the year 2000.

A3 £0

Q4 A list of all patents that your organisation does own or has previously owned, as a sole owner or jointly with others.

If you estimate that the total work-hours required to satisfy this request would exceed the statutory requirement, I request that you prioritise in the order of points listed above, with #1 first and #4 last.

A4 Please see below:

Country	Patent Number	Grant Date	
Canada	2,766,699	15 Dec 2015	
Denmark	EP(DK) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
European Patent Office	2446386	11 Apr 2018	At grant, this EP patent provisionally existed in all designated EPC contracting states (AL, AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LI, LT, LU, LV, MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, SM, TR), but active steps to validate/maintain the EP patent were taken in only the countries listed in this table.
France	EP(FR) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Germany	EP(DE) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Italy	EP(IT) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Netherlands	EP(NL) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Norway	EP(NO) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Spain	EP(ES) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Sweden	EP(SE) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
Switzerland/Liechtenstein	EP(CH) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
United Kingdom	EP(UK) 2446386	11 Apr 2018	
United States of America	8,812,249	19 Aug 2014	

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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

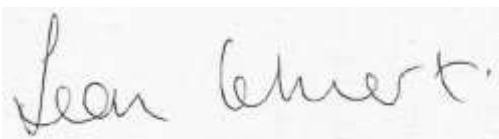
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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