



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-193

Date: 18th September 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd August 2020 (received into our office 24th August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding staff pay

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 wish to request the following information, for the purpose of a comparison of pay rates between Trust grade/locally employed doctors and trainees.

Within the period of the financial year 2019-2020 and within the general medicine and general surgery on call specialist registrar rotas I wish to know how many staff were employed (excluding less than full time staff). For these staff I wish to know their grade (or grade equivalent), whether they are Trust grade/locally employed, their annual gross salary including any uplifts for on call work (and excluding any locum payments) and their nationality, gender and age.

A reference table is attached to this email, showing the format of the information requested.

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s), and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information.*

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

*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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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.

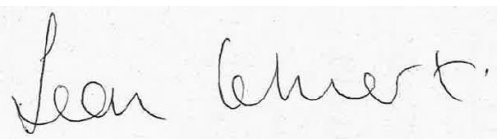
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager