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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding diagnostics.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Subject: Reporting of histology cases

During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) **Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO. If YES £ amount spent in year**
- b) **Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**
- c) **Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

- a) **Backlogs Limited company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**
- b) **Source Bioscience Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**
- c) **LD Path Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**
- d) **Cellular Pathology Services Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**
- e) **Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year**

A1 Please see below:

a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs.	Yes - treatment Initiatives (TI) £51,594
b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting.	No
c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used	Yes £320,000
If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.	
a) Backlogs Limited Company used	No
b) Source Bioscience Company used	Yes, £211,971 net
c) LD Path Company used	No
d) Cellular Pathology Services Company used	No
e) Other	Unilabs, £108,878 net

Q2 How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/19?

A2 12.85 WTE

Q3 Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, i.e. included within larger overall contract
- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, e.g. £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, e.g. £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

A3 Payment is calculated on a price per specific test, e.g. £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test. None are above £25K.

Q4 Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

A4 Information not held by UHNM, This documentation is held by the commissioners. You may wish to approach the Clinical Commissioning Groups to see if they hold further information. They can be contacted as follows:

North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Email: foi.northstaffordshireccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk

Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commission Group
Email: foi.StokeonTrentCCG@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk

Q5 Subject: Reporting of radiology
During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

- a) Medica plc Company used YES/ NO. If YES £ amount spent in year
- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO. if YES £ amount spent in year
- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year
- d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year
- e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year
- f) Other – please state which Company used. YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year

A5 Please see below:

a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. YES if YES £ amount per year	YES = £ circa £140k
b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting.	No
c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year	Yes = £606k
If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.	Other = Medica plc £606k

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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.

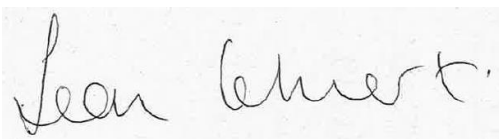
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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 676474.

Yours,



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