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NHS Trust

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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding maternity

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 I would like to know the total amount of Trust spending on services by law firms for services related to maternity care or neonatal care in each year from 2021-2023 inclusive [whether calendar year or financial year, depending on how the data is collected], including non-legal services such as investigations and reviews. Please break these figures out by year.**

A1 Information not held by UHNM, please contact NSHR who hold this data:  
<https://resolution.nhs.uk/information-requests/freedom-of-information/>

**Q2 Please indicate which law firms have supplied these services and give the total spending on each of the law firms from which the Trust has purchased these services. Please break these figures out by year.**

A2 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.

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

Yours,



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