



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-395

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th October 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Payroll FOI.

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 submit an FOI request regarding the annual cost of running the UHNM Payroll department**

**How many people's payrolls they process on average per month.**

**I would also like to know how many they processed in the month of September 2022 through September 2021,**

A1 The cost of combined pensions and payroll service (outsourced to RWT) £619k pa – approx. with 14,950 payslips per month

**Q2 I would also like to know how many shifts have been filled using external locums in the last 12 months, and what the total £ cost of external locums over this period has been.**

A2 The cost of external doctors was £12,165,569, 16,527 shifts

AHP/HSS was £1,587,046, 6827 shifts

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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).

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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