



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-588

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Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding waste

***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 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 be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.**

**Confidential Waste**

**The details we require are:**

- **Has confidential waste being procured via tender or framework or another means?**

**A1 Other means = Low value quotation from the Supplier**

**Q2 If a framework, could you confirm the name of the framework please?**

**A2 No Framework utilised**

**Q3 Actual contract values of each framework/contract (& any sub lots)**

- A3 All of service is on an 'as and when' required basis for approx. £10k
- Q4 Start date & duration of contract**
- A4 May 2020 for 12 months
- Q5 Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?**
- A5 Not applicable
- Q6 Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?**
- A6 No
- Q7 Who is the procurement officer responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?**
- A7 As this is a low spend contract for the Trust there is no identified individual Procurement officer for this Contract
- Q8 Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?**
- A8 Phil Mountford\*: Waste Manager. All Trust emails are in the following format:  
[firstname.lastname@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@uhn.nhs.uk)
- Q9 Who is the current supplier?**
- A9 ShredPro
- Q10 If your current supplier is a Facilities Management/Waste Company, which sub-contractor services your organisation?**
- A10 No

\*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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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.

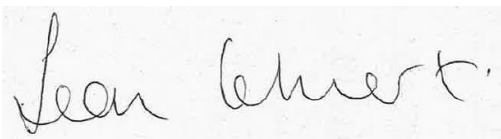
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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,



Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**