



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-871

Date: 23RD April 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Insourcing

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 am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information regarding the surgical insourcing activities within your NHS Trust, specifically related to the following points:

1. Overview of Surgical Insourcing Activities: Could you please provide an overview of any surgical insourcing activities currently being undertaken by your NHS Trust? This should include, but not be limited to, the types of surgeries and procedures that are being insourced.

A1 UHNM does not currently have any Surgical Insourcing

Q2 Specialties Involved: For which medical specialties do you currently undertake insourcing of surgical activities? Please include details on any specialties that are planned to have insourced activities in the near future.

A2 As answer 1.

Q3 Volume and Capacity: Could you provide information on the volume of surgical procedures that have been insourced over the past 12 months? If possible, please break down this data by specialty and provide monthly or quarterly figures.

A3 As answer 1

Q4 Objectives and Outcomes: What are the primary objectives behind the decision to insource certain surgical procedures? Furthermore, could you provide any outcomes or performance data that has been collected to assess the success of these insourcing initiatives?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 Contracts and Agreements: Are there any specific contracts or agreements in place with external entities to facilitate surgical insourcing? If so, could you please provide details on these arrangements, including the nature of the agreements and the parties involved?

A5 As answer 1

Q6 Future Plans: Does the NHS Trust have any plans to expand or alter its surgical insourcing activities in the foreseeable future? If so, please provide details on what changes are anticipated and the specialties they would affect.

A6 Surgical Division: As an NHS acute provider, we are taking measures to limit the use of external companies. This includes development of internal business cases where demand is exceeding capacity and using NHSE proven methodology to increase internal productivity and efficiency. Use of external companies in the future cannot be ruled out.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

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.

Yours,



Rachel Montinaro
Data Security and Protection Manager - Records