



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-438

Date: 14th November 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding China partnerships.

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 under the Freedom of Information Act with a request regarding partnerships and/or collaboration with Chinese organisations.

Please provide me with details of any placements, secondments or other work, training or study-related collaboration undertaken at your organisation in the last five years with organisations based in China.

This could include, but is not limited to, training courses delivered, exchange programmes offered, or secondments to your organisation for knowledge sharing.

Please provide the date the collaboration started and ended, the name of the organisation, which department the collaboration was related to and (if applicable) the names of any of the Chinese organisation's staff members who worked/undertook training/took part in secondments etc. at your organisation for any period of time.

A1 The Trust was approached by a Director of Valette's Business School, Manchester, SK4 4PP to provide placements for Chinese Doctors.

The Trust classed the placements as work experience and the doctors' were assigned a placement with a supervisor in their relevant specialty.

The doctors' worked as an observer only and were not paid by the Trust during the 3 month period. Travel and accommodation during the programme was paid by the Doctor's current employer in China.

The Supervisors made arrangements with regard to planning the work observed by the doctors during the placements.

Dates of programmes & specialties:

Commenced on 5th June 2017 to 21st July 2017 (4 doctors) – Radiology, Paediatric Orthopaedics (x 2), NICU

Commenced on 4th June 2018 to 20th July 2018 (7 doctors) – Neurology (x3), Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (x2), Spinal Services, Orthopaedics

Commenced on 15th October 2018 and ended on 15th December 2018 (5 doctors) – Neurology, Orthodontics/Stomatology, Respiratory, Radiology, Orthopaedics

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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.

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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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