



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-131

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Date: 17th June 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st June 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency

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 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 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can I have data around your temporary agency labour usage between the dates of 06 April 2020 and 05 April 2021?

The details I would like are:

Do you currently have a contract with a neutral vend or Master Vend? If so, what are their name and when does the contract expire? If there is an option of an extension, please list how long it is.

A1 Yes, UHNM have Master Vendor agreements with:

- Medacs Nursing Master Vendor – Expiry 31/03/22



- Maxxima AHP/HSS Master Vendor – Expiry 06/08/21

Q2 All the supplier names who supplied yourself with temporary agency labour in the above period.

A2 See below:

- BLUESTONE
- DRC
- HCR
- ID MEDICAL
- INTERACT MEDICAL
- JP MEDICALS
- MEDACS
- MEDICS PRO
- MERIDIAN
- MSI RECRUITMENT
- MSL
- NATIONAL LOCUMS
- NISIS
- PULSE
- SERVICE CARE HEALTH
- TXM
- YOURWORLD

Q3 The actual spend value for each supplier in the above period.

A3 See below: Invoices paid during the specified period to the following suppliers:-

- Bluestone £67,765.65
- DRC £263,362.18
- HCR Nil
- ID Medical £319,077.69
- Interact Medical £14,593.64
- JP Medicals Nil
- Medacs £2,021,559.88
- Medics Pro £40,803.40
- Meridian £24,842.42
- MSI Recruitment Nil
- MSL £7,058.04
- National Locums £8,860.20
- NISIS Nil
- Pulse Nil
- Service Care Health Nil
- TXM £34,045.93
- Yourworld Nil

Q4 The types of roles that were supplied.

A4 Registered nurses and theatre practitioners

Q5 The dates they were supplied, if not available the week the invoice was invoiced or paid

A5 The dates supplied are the first invoice date and the last invoice date for invoices paid in the specified period:-

- Bluestone 08/04/20 – 31/03/21
- DRC 07/04/20 – 31/03/21
- HCR = Not applicable
- ID Medical 10/04/20 – 05/04/21
- Interact Medical 09/04/20 – 26/03/21
- JP Medicals = Not applicable
- Medacs 06/04/20 – 29/03/21
- Medics Pro 30/12/20 – 31/03/21
- Meridian 07/04/20 – 30/03/21
- MSI Recruitment = Not applicable
- MSL 10/03/21 – 30/03/21
- National Locums 08/04/20 – 16/02/21
- NISIS = Not applicable
- Pulse = Not applicable
- Service Care Health Not applicable TXM 04/09/20 – 01/04/21
- Yourworld = Not applicable

*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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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

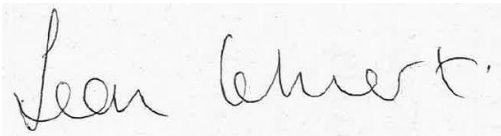
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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.

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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