



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-015

Date 25th June 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding master vend.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Do you have a Master Vendor arrangement in place?
If yes- Who is the provider?
When is the contract expiry date?
If yes- for which staff groups?**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

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**Q2 Do you have a Neutral Vendor arrangement in place?
If yes- Who is the provider?
When is the contract expiry date?
If yes- for which staff groups?**

A2 No neutral Vendor for Nursing

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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.

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,



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