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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency nurses.

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 Could the Trust please provide information on how much has been spent on agency nurses?

- 1) This financial year to date
- 2) 2018/19 financial year
- 3) 2017/18 financial year

A1 Please see below:

2017/18	£809k
2018/19	£449k
2019/20 to month 5	£137k

Q2 Are these amounts higher, lower or within the budgets allocated for agency staff?

A2 Lower than budget

Q3 Are there any measures being implemented to lower the reliance or use of agency staff?

A3 UHNM has implemented the following:

- Increased the size of the nurse bank
- Participated in recruitment campaigns
- Participated in retention campaigns
- Introduced new roles

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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.

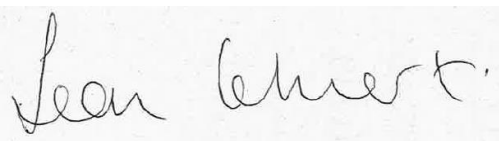
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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