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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st June 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data storage

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 (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 Can you please provide an update on the following 4 questions regarding your Trust's Infrastructure as it relates to the Data Storage element?

Please provide the following details about your Data Storage Cloud Provider:

- **Does your Data Storage use Cloud Provision (Yes / No)? –**
- **Who is your main Cloud provider? –**
- **Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –**



- **Contract end date –**
- **Additional Notes – e.g. currently out for tender**

A1 See below:

- Does your Data Storage use Cloud Provision (Yes / No)? = Not at this moment but will be in the future
- Who is your main Cloud provider? = MS Azure
- Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) = Project about to start
- Contract end date – N/A
- Additional Notes – e.g. currently out for tender

Q2 Does your organisation plan to move your Data Storage to a cloud-based service in the next 2 years (Yes or No)? -

- **Main Supplier –**
- **Additional Notes –**

A2 See below:

- Main Supplier = Azure /O365
- Additional Notes – N/A

Q3 For each element detailed below, how does your organisation manage its data storage?

- **In-house data centre:**
- **On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) –**
- **Main Supplier –**
- **Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –**
- **Contract end date –**
- **Additional Notes –**

- **Shared service:**
- **On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) –**
- **Main supplier –**

- **Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –**
- **Contract end date –**
- **Additional Notes –**

- **Data Storage Management:**
- **On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) –**
- **Main supplier –**
- **Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –**
- **Contract end date –**
- **Additional Notes –**

- **Other (please specify)**
- **On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) –**
- **Main supplier –**
- **Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –**
- **Contract end date –**
- **Additional Notes –**

A3 See below:

- In-house data centre: =In house on SAN Storage
- On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) – as above
- Main Supplier = HPE Nimble
- Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) = £1.2 for 5 years
- Contract end date = August 2026
- Additional Notes – N/A

- Shared service: = None
- On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) – N/A
- Main supplier –
- Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –
- Contract end date –
- Additional Notes –

- Data Storage Management:
- On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) = On Premise
- Main supplier – On Premise = HPE SAN Storage
- Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) = As above
- Contract end date –
- Additional Notes –

- Other (please specify)
- On Premise OR Off Premise (N/A if does not apply) –
- Main supplier –
- Annual Spend 2020-21 (£'s) –
- Contract end date –
- Additional Notes –

Q4 Does your Trust have an on-site data centre (Yes / No)? –

- **Do you plan to build an on-site data centre (Yes / No) –**
- **If yes, what is the timeframe for this (Years) –**
- **Who is your preferred supplier –**

A4 See below:

- Does your Trust have an on-site data centre (Yes / No)? = Yes

- Do you plan to build an on-site data centre (Yes / No) – N/A
- If yes, what is the timeframe for this (Years) –
- Who is your preferred supplier –

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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.

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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