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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency spend

On 12<sup>th</sup> May we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you mean by agency, is this any agency or just nurse agency?

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

*“My query relates to nurse agency.”*

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 we contacted you again via email as we required further clarification regarding if this is all nursing agency and then Theatre usage separately or just Theatre usage?

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

*“For additional clarification, can I please have the Staffing Provision Total Hours FY (2019/20) Total Yearly Spend (2019/20) for agency staff for:*

*Theatre Staffing (Theatre RGNs and ODPs) e.g. - theatre nursing, and the same information with same criteria (Total Hours, Total Yearly spend) for agency usage for AHPs”*

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Please can you provide the total agency spend for your Trust, for the last financial year, and the total hours supplied by temporary agency staff to your Trust, for the following staffing categories?**

**Staffing Provision Total Hours FY (2019/20) Total Yearly Spend (2019/20) Theatre Staffing (Theatre RGNs and ODPs) AHPs**

A1 Please see below:

	Total Spend	Total Hours
Theatre Staffing	£605,687	21,988
AHPs	£950,967	40,552

\*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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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.

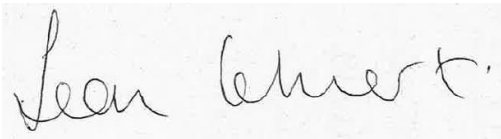
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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](http://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,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**