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Date: 16th July 2024

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Virtual Ward Spend

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 How much did the Trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024?

A1 Acute Care at Home, who is a Provider Collaborative between University Hospital North Midlands, Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust, University Hospital of Derby and Burton and Royal Wolverhampton Hospital.

I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request 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.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> FOI ref 098-245 May 2024

Q2 Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024?

A2 Acute Care at Home, who is a Provider Collaborative between University Hospital North Midlands, Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust, University Hospital of Derby and Burton and Royal Wolverhampton Hospital

Q3 How much did the Trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

A3 Nil £

- Q4 Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?**
- A4 As answer 2
- Q5 How much did the Trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**
- A5 Nil £
- Q6 Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022?**
- A6 As answer 2

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Yours,



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