



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-048

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Date: 9th June 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 26th April 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the companies that have any staff who work at Royal Stoke Hospital.

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

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a time frame for the information.

You replied via email with the following:

' I mean the companies that currently have staff that work there.

If that's not possible, then the last year and if you can establish if any of the companies in the last year have ceased having staff at the Hospital you can delete them from the information supplied to me'

On 28th April we contacted you again via email as we required the following further clarification; Are after All companies that have staff working for 'them' on site doing casual jobs, or companies that RSUH have employed as sub-contractors to complete work on behalf of UHNM?

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

'Thank you for your reply.

"To continue with your request we require clarification on whether you are after All companies that have staff working for 'them' on site doing casual jobs, or companies that RSUH have employed as sub-contractors to complete work on behalf of UHNM?"

The answer is both, as either types of companies could, and I can therefore confirm indeed do, fall within my request. Regarding any having staff on site doing casual jobs, the assumption can be made that their staff will be on site having had permission from the Trust to be there - therefore we can take it that information about any trespassing or 'unauthorised' people on the Trust's site is not within the request. If there is an issue about both sets of information exceeding the cost limit, please prioritise the sub-contractor information first and provide only that if that can be done within the limit (and reveal that this has been the case).'

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 you please disclose, preferably by PDF, the names of the companies that have any staff who work at Royal Stoke Hospital?

A1 Please see below and attached spread sheet: note-For the agency companies – these are for medical staff and are companies we have used over the last 2 years, so may not have current placements with us

Accident & Emergency
APCOA
Athona
CPL Locums
Day Webster
Doctors on Call
DRC Locums
ED Staffing
Empire Locums
Evergood Associates
First Medical Staffing Solutions Ltd
Fresh Medical
Globe Locums
HCL Doctors
Holt Doctors
ID Medical
IMC Locums
Interact Medical Staffing
LAK Locums
Locum People
Locum Vision
Medacs Healthcare
Medecho
MedicsPro
Medilink Consulting
Medline
Medsol Healthcare
MyLocum

National Locums
NC Healthcare
NISI
Pertemps
ProMedical
Provide Medical
RM Medics
RMR Recruitment
Skilled Medical
Sodexo
Surgi-call Locums
Team Prevent
Total Assist
Triple West Medical
TXM Healthcare
Unite Medical
Vocare
Your World Recruitment
Pulse healthcare Limited
Bluestones
Service Care Solutions Ltd
Meridian Business Support Limited
NISI Enterprises Limited
JP Medicals Recruitment Limited
Mofor Solutions Ltd
Positive Mental health LTD
Enferm Medical
TXM Helthcare Limited
MSI Recruitment LTD
firstpoint Healthcare
HealthCare Recruiters LTD
Medics Pro
TNA
MSL Healthcare
Icare 24
Severn Angels healthcare LTD
Care Joy
Mayday
Plan B
Team 24

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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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