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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th June 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding National Fraud Initiative

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 may you provide me with:**

**1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?**

A1 Within the next 12 months

**Q2 What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?**

A2 We check all available information. Independent checks are made to verify all company details are correct when setting up new suppliers or changes to supplier details.

**Q3 What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.**

A3 Information not held by UHNM, We outsource this to East Lancashire Financial Services – please request information from them: <https://www.elfsnhs.co.uk/contact-us>

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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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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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Yours,



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