



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-527

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Pharmacy & Pathology Departments.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification:  
Are you asking if pharmacy monitors pathology?

On the same day you replied via email with:  
*'I am requesting information regarding both the Pathology (All) AND Pharmacy departments'*

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 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from The Pharmacy & Pathology Departments. Please may you provide me with?**

**1. Does your Pathology Department currently use a solution to monitor the fridge temperature?**

A1 Yes

**Q2 If yes who is the supplier?**

A2 IceSpy Notion Pro®

**Q3 When does the contract expire?**

A3 We do not hold a contract; we have had the system for a number of years. Should a probe require replacement we purchase new ones from the most competitive distributor. Calibration of the probes is outsourced to a UKAS accredited supplier.

**Q4 How much are you currently paying for the solution?**

A4 We do not pay any annual service / maintenance fees, additional or replacement probes are purchased from the most competitive distributor

**Q5 Does the department monitor anything else eg. Humidity, Pressure.**

A5 The system does not monitor humidity or atmospheric pressure

**Q6 Does your Pharmacy Department currently use a solution to remotely monitor the fridge temperature?**

A6 Yes

**Q7 If yes who is the supplier?**

A7 Checkit

**Q8 When does the contract expire?**

A8 March 2027

**Q9 How much are you currently paying for the solution?**

A9 £34,411.82

**Q10 Does the department monitor anything else eg. Humidity, Pressure**

A10 Pressure differentials

\*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,



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**Head of Data, Security & Protection/ Data Protection Officer**