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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 15th January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding status assessments.

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 The Off-payroll legislation was introduced in Chapter 10 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003, with the new legislation going live from April 6th 2017. This new legislation overrode, in the public sector, the existing Intermediaries Legislation (Chapter 8, ITEPA).

The new legislation is here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/10/schedule/1/part/2>

One of the key differences between the chapter 8 and chapter 10 is that the public authority is required to decide whether the off-payroll working rules (Chapter 10) apply based on whether the conditions have been met in section 61M(1)(d).

61M Engagements to which Chapter applies

(1) Sections 61N to 61R apply where—

- (a) an individual (“the worker”) personally performs, or is under an obligation personally to perform, services for another person (“the client”), (b) the client is a public authority, (c) the services are provided not under a contract directly between the client and the worker but under arrangements involving a third party (“the intermediary”), and (d) the circumstances are such that— (i) if the services were provided under a contract directly between the client and the worker, the worker would be regarded for income tax purposes as an employee of the client or the holder of an office under the client, or (ii) the worker is an office-holder who holds that office under the client and the services relate to the office.

This requires the public authority to test whether the worker would be considered an employee based on employment status case law.

These assessments would have been completed by you with each assessment receiving its own determination.

Please can you provide?

A monthly breakdown, from April 2017 onwards of the number of assessments conducted by you, together with the number of assessments that are considered to be “inside IR35” (i.e. 61M(1)(d) applies) and the number that are “outside IR35” (i.e. 61M(1)(d) does not apply)

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Month	The intermediaries legislation applies	The intermediaries legislation does not apply	Grand Total
Apr-17	16	1	17
May-17	1	0	1
Oct-17	0	1	1
Nov-17	0	2	2
Feb-18	0	1	1
Apr-18	0	2	2
Grand Total	17	7	24

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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.

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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 676474.

Yours,



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