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NHS Trust

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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding LIMS

**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.**

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 We are currently updating data on your Trust's IT systems.**

**Could you please provide responses to the following questions in relation to Imaging/Radiology within the Trust / Health Board? The name and email address of:**

- **The Clinical Lead that is responsible for Imaging**
- **The General Manager that is responsible for Imaging**
- **The Service Manager that is responsible for Imaging**

A1 See below:

- **Dr Samavia Raza – Clinical Director for Imaging**



- [Samavia.Raza@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:Samavia.Raza@uhn.nhs.uk)
- Deonne Lee – Professional Head and Directorate Manager for Imaging
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- Gayle Beresford – Deputy Professional Head for Imaging
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- Leanne Francis – Deputy Directorate Manager for Imaging
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- Sarah-Jane Stopa – Deputy Directorate Manager
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**Q2 Can you please forward responses to the questions below regarding your Trust's LIMS, Oncology, and Clinical Noting systems?**

**Please enter 'No System Installed' or 'No Department' under supplier name if your Trust does not use the system or have the department:**

**2A. System type – Laboratory Information Management System**

**Supplier name**

**System name -**

**Date installed -**

**Contract expiration -**

**Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No**

**Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No**

**Procurement framework -**

**Other systems it integrates with? –**

**Total value of contract (£) –**

**Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender**

**A2 See below:**

System type = Laboratory Information Management System (PATHOLOGY)

Supplier name = Pathology

System name = Lab Centre

Date installed = 01/01/2007

Contract expiration = 2030

Is this contract annually renewed? = No

Do you currently have plans to replace this system? = Yes, it will be replaced in 2022 with the newer version of the CliniSys lab system.

Procurement framework = QE Framework

Other systems it integrates with? = Order Comms, PAS, Results Reporting systems across NMCPs and the local health economy, analysers and middleware.

Total value of contract (£) = circa £10M

Notes = n/a

**Q3 System type – Oncology**

**Supplier name**

**System name -**

**Date installed -**

**Contract expiration -**

**Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No**

**Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No**

**Procurement framework -**

**Other systems it integrates with? –**

**Total value of contract (£) –**

**Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender**

A3 See below:

2B. System type – Oncology (Chemotherapy)

Supplier name - Varian Medical Systems

System name - ARIA for Medical Oncology

Date installed - Software - October 2019

Contract expiration - 2029

Is this contract annually renewed? - No

Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - No

Procurement framework = Imaging, Radiotherapy, Endoscopy and Ancillary Devices

Other systems it integrates with? – Pathology and Electronic Medical Record

Total value of contract (£) – N/A

Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

2B. System type – Oncology (Radiotherapy)

Supplier name - Varian Medical Systems

System name - ARIA for Radiation Oncology

Date installed - Hardware - July 2017

Contract expiration - 2029

Is this contract annually renewed? - No

Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - No

Procurement framework - N/A

Other systems it integrates with? – ARIA for Medical Oncology

Total value of contract (£) – N/A

Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

**Q4 System type – Clinical Noting**

**Supplier name**

**System name -**

**Date installed -**

**Contract expiration -**

**Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No**

**Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No**

**Procurement framework -**

**Other systems it integrates with? –**

**Total value of contract (£) –**

**Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender**

**System definitions:**

**Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) – Software that allows you to effectively manage pathology testing and reporting. By using a LIMS, your lab can automate workflows, integrate instruments, and manage samples and associated information.**

**Oncology – An Oncology Information Management solution supports the multidisciplinary teams involved in the care of patients with cancer.**

**Clinical Noting - A clinical noting documentation system that enables the electronic recording, storage and retrieval recording of patient medical records related to a patient's diagnosis and care during an inpatient hospital visit or encounter**

A4 See below:

System type – Clinical Noting

Supplier name – we have an in-house built clinical noting solution within our in house built portal

System name - iportal

Date installed –clinical noting went live in 2017

Contract expiration –N/A

Is this contract annually renewed? – N/A it is an in house solution

Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - No

Procurement framework –N/A it is an in house solution

Other systems it integrates with? – For clinical noting purposes it integrates with the Careflow PAS and vitals

Total value of contract (£) –N/A

Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

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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.

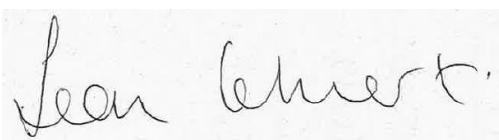
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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Jean Lehnert  
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