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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding bed frames/mattresses.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Details for each Acute Hospital within the Trust –**

- **Bed frames supply agreements or contracts.**
- **Name of current suppliers / Procurement Route (e.g. NHS Supply Chain or other) / end date of supply agreements or contracts**

A1 Currently the Trust purchases the following standard beds over both Trust sites:

- Hillrom HR900 for standard beds
- Intensive Care have weigh scale beds from Hillrom too as the standard

Please note that we purchase these directly through Hillrom as this is most cost effective route. These beds are standardised throughout the Trust and purchased on an ad-hoc basis subject to requirements/replacements and there is no formal contract in place.

**Q2 Details for each Acute Hospital within the Trust –**

- **Pressure mattress supply agreements or contracts.**
- **Name of current suppliers / procurement route (e.g. NHS Supply Chain or other) / end date of supply agreements or contracts**

A2 Pressure Mattresses that are usually purchased over both Trust sites are:

- Dynafoam with Pump from Direct Healthcare

Please note that we purchase this directly through Direct Healthcare as this is most cost effective route. These pressure mattresses are standardised throughout the Trust and purchased on an ad-hoc basis subject to requirements/replacements and there is no formal contract in place.

**Q3 For Each Supply Agreement or Contract Please Advise:**

**Contact details (name / email / telephone) of Contracts Manager or relevant person responsible for Hospital bed frames / pressure mattresses agreements or contracts.**

A3 See below:

- \*Sarah Follows: [sarah.follows@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.follows@uhnm.nhs.uk) (Capital Purchases)
- \*Gareth Nixon: [Gareth.nixon@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:Gareth.nixon@uhnm.nhs.uk) ( Revenue Purchases)

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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.

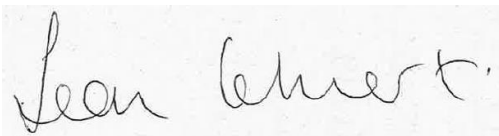
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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 676474.

Yours,





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