



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-471

Date: 25th October 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding pharmaceutical services

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 I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request as Follows
A number of IV drugs are reconstituted or prepared before administration Pharmacy aseptic services. If your Trust procures all or some of their aseptic pharmaceutical services from licenced compounders both NHS and Private.**

1 If so, can you list the Providers your Trust Currently uses.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Your identical request reference-391-2324 September 2023

Q2 Can you indicate if your Trust has a preferred or preferred provider if so please list them.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Does your Trust have any documentation that falls within the Scope of a competent FOI request relating to how you choose compounders if so, can I have copies. Please feel free to redact as necessary.

A3 As answer 1

*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.

Yours,



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