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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 30th May 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd May 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding tariffs.

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.

On 11th May 2022 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by 'overheads'?

On the same day you replied via email with:

'We would define overheads as the Trusts apportionment of costs that are incurred across the whole Trust, for example rates, use of facilities etc'

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in questions 1 to 6 is not held centrally as we don't identify an apportionment of costs to overheads currently, we would need to investigate all areas of the Trust to identify such costs. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all Trust areas and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*



Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just questions 7 and 8 we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

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 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a value of the undergraduate tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A1 We don't top slice/apportion a specific % of Health Education England funding as overheads,. Much of our overheads are embedded in departments/services. We have not calculated the cost of this for 21/22 as part of our day to day work and it would take significant time to do so accurately.- Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q2 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a value of the postgraduate tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A2 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q3 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a value of the non-medical tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A3 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q4 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a percentage of the undergraduate tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A4 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q5 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a percentage of the postgraduate tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A5 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q6 From the Education contract for financial year 21/22, how much as a percentage of the non-medical tariff is apportioned to overheads for the Trust?

A6 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q7 Is any of your estate contracted through a PFI (Private Finance Initiative)?

A7 Yes

Q8 If yes to question 7, as an estimate to the nearest 10% how much of your estate is funded through a PFI?

A8 36%

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

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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