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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Direct Engagement.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe for question 3 and 4.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 you replied via email the following:

*"Can you provide spend for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 separately for both questions. Where you don't have finalised costings for the end of the current financial year please do delay the request until you are able to provide".*

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 Who do you currently use as your 3rd party direct engagement partner? This company currently helps you save VAT on the supply of agency locums.**

A1 Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC)

**Q2 When does your current contract with the above provider come to an end? Please provide any detail of options to extend etc.?**

A2 The contract expires on March 2021

**Q3 What do you estimate your annual spend for medical agency locums to be? (Doctors only)**

A3 Please see below:

- 2017/18: £12,026,341
- 2018/19: £13,451,113

**Q4 What do you estimate your annual spend for agency locums categorised as "AHPs - allied health professionals" to be?**

A4 Please see below:

- 2017/18: £273,029
- 2018/19: £234,844

\*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.

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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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