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Dear

I am writing in response to your letter received in our office 16th May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding theatre disinfection.

On the same day we contacted you as we required the following clarification:

Q1, what type of room, and what do you mean by disinfection? (Especially as you refer to machinery in other questions)

Q2, what do you mean by external cleaning company? Do you mean for every day cleaning provision or specialist?

You replied via email (received into our office 17th May) the following:

"Many thanks for taking the time to clarify the questions and please see my responses below. If there is still any uncertainty please do not hesitate to ask further questions

Q1, what type of room, and what do you mean by disinfection? (Especially as you refer to machinery in other questions)

If this varies from rooms and specialities this would be useful to know. Often for deep cleaning or disinfection vaporised hydrogen peroxide may be used or "fogging" as it is often referred to.

Q2, What do you mean by external cleaning company? do you mean for every day cleaning provision or specialist?

Both please."

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 What cleaning methods does the Trust currently use for room and theatre disinfection?

A1 UHNM use Amity Virusolve+ for room and theatre disinfection.

Q2 Does the Trust employ an external cleaning company and if so, who is this?

A2 UHNM use a mixture of in-house cleaning (Trust) and Sodexo. In any unusual occasions that Hydrogen Peroxide vapour is required we use Bioquell or Amity.

Q3 Does the Trust currently have UVC machines for decontamination? If so, how many units and which supplier/manufacture?

A3 None

Q4 When were these purchased or rented, and when are these contracts due to expire?

A4 Not applicable

Q5 Are there any tenders outstanding for UVC or vaporised hydrogen peroxide (HPV) and what are the closing dates?

A5 Not applicable

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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.

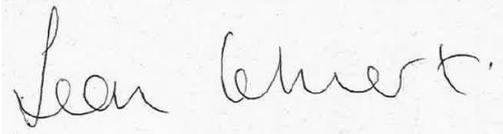
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager