



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-120

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Date: 12th June 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd June 2019 (received into our office 3rd June) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding fraud.

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 How many people does your organisation employ?

A1 At 31st March 2019, UHNM had a workforce of 9,450.14 WTE (10,757 headcount). Please note that this is excluding Bank Staff and Honorary contracts.

Q2 What is the total annual expenditure budget of your organisation?

A2 £797.5m

Q3 How many full-time employment staff does your organisation employ dedicated to counter fraud activities?

A3 None

Q4 If you employ such staff, how many full-time employment staff are directly employed by your organisation?

A4 Not applicable

Q5 If any of your counter fraud staff are supplied by another organisation, could you identify the name of the organisation(s) which supplies them?

A5 KPMG LLP

Q6 Approximately how much did you spend on counter fraud activities in the last reporting year?

A6 UHNM spent £51k on counter fraud activities in the last reporting year.

Q7 How many referrals for fraud investigation has your counter fraud team received in the last reporting year?

A7 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being less than 5.

Q8 How many fraud cases has your counter fraud team successfully investigated? I.e. leading to sanction and/or recovery of monies in the last reporting year.

A8 None

*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.

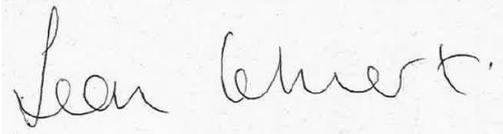
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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.

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