



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-155

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Date: 1st July 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th June 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Listeria.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a time frame for questions 1, 3 and 5.

You replied via email with the following:

“For Question 1 the time frame is last decade.

For Question 3 the time frame is last decade.

For Question 5 - this is how much of your budget annually has been set aside from the date in Question 4 of when you started using the Good Food Chain”.

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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Foundation Trust.

How many cases of listeria infection have been identified within your Trust?

A1 There have been 12 cases of Listeria reported by the Trust laboratory since January 2009 all of which were detected on admission.

Q2 How many patients have been infected with listeria while under the care of your hospital Trust this year? 2019

A2 The Trust has had no cases of listeria documented which developed because of food provided to them during their treatment at our NHS Trust.

Q3 Have any patients died as a result of contracting listeria while under the care of your hospital Trust? If yes, please specify date of death.

A3 Please refer to answer 2.

Q4 When did you start using The Good Food Chain to cater for people within your Trust? Please specify date and year.

A4 At the Trust, County Hospital (Stafford) used to use “The Good Food Chain” however we discontinued this contract in 2016. The start date was February 2014.

At The Royal Stoke hospital, Sodexo provides the catering service for the Trust, as this is part of a Private Financed Initiative (PFI), this information is not held by the Trust.

Q5 How much of your monetary budget is set aside to fund The Good Food Chain?

A5 As answer 4

Q6 When does your contract with The Good Food Chain end?

A6 As answer 4

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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.

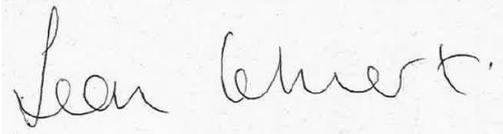
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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