



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-279

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9th August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding spend on ICT.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because some of the information requested in question 1 is not held centrally, but may be multiple legacy financial systems. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all legacy financial systems within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. 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 all legacy financial systems 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 we can comply with your request within the 18 hour timeframe if question 1 is reduced to information that is held centrally. In order to avoid further delay to your response we have provided this below.

On 12th August 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the following:
"Is it, what % of the whole Trust budget is spent on ICT, or are you wanting to know what % of the ICT budget is capital and what is revenue?"

On 27th August 2019 you replied via email with the following:

"What percentage of the whole Trust budget (capital and revenue) was spent on ICT and of this, what % was spent on cyber security?"

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 Over the last 5 years what % of revenue (capital and revenue) was spent on ICT?

A1 Section 12 and 14 exemptions as detailed above, however please refer below for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	17/18	18/19	19/20
CAPITAL	27%	45%	39%
REVENUE	73%	55%	61%

Q2 Of this what % was spent on cyber security?

A2 UHNM is unable to split this out as this is part of the wider budget.

*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.

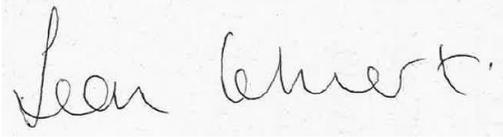
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager