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Date: 4th September 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding recruitment of international nurses.

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 Does the Trust recruit internationally for nurses?

A1 No

Q2 How many nurses were hired from international locations during 2018?

A2 None

Q3 How many nurses have been hired from international locations during 2019, year to date?

A3 As answer 2

Q4 Does the Trust use recruitment agencies for international nurse recruitment?

A4 UHNM has not used recruitment agencies for international nurse recruitment for a number of years.

Q5 Please confirm the total spend on agency fees for international nurse recruitment for the financial year 2018-2019

A5 Not applicable

Q6 Please confirm the total spend on agency fees for international nurse recruitment for the financial year 2017-2018

A6 As answer 5

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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.

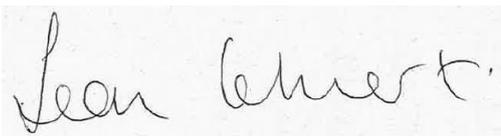
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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