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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd April 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the use of surveillance equipment on the premises of the University Hospitals of North Midlands.

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 fixed (static) surveillance cameras are functional on the Trust’s premises?**
a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?
b) How many are focused inside buildings?

A1 Please see below:

a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?	93 Fixed external cameras across the Trust (both fixed and Pan, Tilt and Zoom (PTZ))
b) How many are focused inside buildings?	103 Internal cameras across the Trust (both fixed and Pan, Tilt and Zoom (PTZ))

- Q2 How many moving surveillance cameras (those that zoom in, pan and tilt) are functional on the Trust’s premises?**
a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?
b) How many are focused inside buildings?

A2 Please see below:

a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?	42 External
b) How many are focused inside buildings?	41 Internal

- Q3 Do you have any covert (hidden) cameras on your premises? If yes, please say:**
a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?
b) How many are focused inside buildings?
- A3 The Trust does not operate any covert surveillance. Any covert surveillance would be governed by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Q4 Do security officers employed by the Trust use body worn video cameras? If yes, please say:**
a) How many body worn cameras are in use by security guards on your premises?
b) When these are turned on
- A4 Information not held by the Trust as security officers are supplied as part of a private Financed Initiative (PFI) however, each security officer tasked with duties outside of the control room at the Royal Stoke site wears a body worn video. There is a Standard Operating Procedure in place as to when BWV is activated
- Q5 How much has the Trust spent on surveillance equipment, in total? Please break this down by:**
a) Fixed surveillance cameras
b) Moving surveillance cameras
c) Body worn video cameras
- A5 Information not held as part of a Private Financed Initiative (PFI) contract, however for Retained Estate and County have a combined budget of £28k per annum.
- Q6 What are the make, model and manufacturer of the devices used by the Trust?**
a) Fixed surveillance cameras
b) Moving surveillance cameras
c) Body worn video cameras
- A6 Information not held as part of a Private Financed Initiative (PFI) contract
- Q7 Where is the footage from the devices stored? Please break this down by:**
a) Fixed surveillance cameras
b) Moving surveillance cameras
c) Body worn video cameras
- A7 Information not held by the Trust as part of a private Financed Initiative (PFI) however, Footage Trust footage is stored securely in line with ICO guidance on a secure server.
- Q8 How long is the footage from the devices held? Please break this down for:**
a) Fixed surveillance cameras
b) Moving surveillance cameras
c) Body worn video cameras
- A8 Recorded CCTV footage is stored for 31 days in accordance with ICO guidance.

Q9 How many times has footage from devices been used in a successful or unsuccessful prosecution? Please break this down by device:
a) Fixed surveillance cameras
b) Moving surveillance cameras
c) Body worn video camera

A9 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 the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act. *Personal information.*

Please note that although footage is provided to enforcement agencies in line with the Data protection Act 1998 (DPA). The Trust is unable to comment on the use of the footage in prosecution at Court.

Q10 Does your Trust comply with the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's code of conduct?
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/surveillance-camera-code-of-practice>)

A10 Yes

*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.

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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, consisting of a large, loopy initial 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

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Interim Information Governance Manager