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Date: 9th November 2018

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8th October 2018 (received into our office 9th October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding AHP/HSS – Cardiology.

On 9th October 2018 we contacted you via email as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name?

You replied via email with the following:
"My full name is Ben Smith."

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 the NHS.

I would like you to send me the locum agency spend in the AHP/HSS division of the hospital for Echo cardiographers and Cardiac Physiologists.

I would like to know the spend from January 2018 - present, also including the amount of locums that this refers to.

If it is possible could you please also let me know the name of the manager who signs off the locums in the department?

Please provide the information in the form of an excel spread sheet.

A1 The hospital has spent £90,783 from January 2018 to September 2018. This relates to six separate locums. The Head of the Cardiology Department, Debra Tidmarsh signs off the locums.

*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,



Leah Carlisle
Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance



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