



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-511

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (received into our office 26<sup>th</sup> November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding gifts and hospitality register.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'm writing to request a copy of your organisation's gifts and hospitality register.**

**I would like a breakdown for all staff for the full financial years of 2016 / 2017 and 2017 / 2018. If the trust was founded after these records began, please provide data from the trusts that merged to form the current trust.**

**Please include:**

- **Role / title of staff member gift / hospitality offered to**
- **Date offered**
- **The item type (e.g. travel expenses, conference ticket, flowers), and details / description (e.g date / location of conference, type of training)**
- **The reason for the gift / hospitality**
- **The value of the item**
- **Name of the individual or company providing the gift / hospitality**
- **Whether the item was accepted or declined**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding gifts and hospitality register, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx> (October 2018/19)

Please note that information is published on declarations of interest and declarations of gifts, hospitality and sponsorship, on the Trust's website on a quarterly basis:-  
<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/How-we-are-run/Pages/How-we-are-run.aspx>

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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](http://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,





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