



**University Hospitals  
of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (received into our office 17<sup>th</sup> December) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Hill Dickinson LLP payments

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 I am looking for information about payments made by the Trust to the legal firm Hill Dickinson LLP. Please could you provide me with the following?**

**1. How much money has the Trust paid to legal firm Hill Dickinson LLP from 2007/8 to 2014/15? Please could you break the information down by financial year?**

- 2007/8
- 2008/9
- 2009/10
- 2010/11
- 2011/12
- 2012/13
- 2013/14
- 2014/15

**State the specific reason for payments, as well as broadly setting out a category for it –**

- NHS contracts
- Estates/property sales
- commissioning
- PFI
- Outsourcing
- Commercial and procurement
- Clinical negligence
- Pharmacy etc.

**A1** UHNM has had no dealings with Hill Dickinson LLP from 2014 to present date. Information prior to 2014 is not held.



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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.

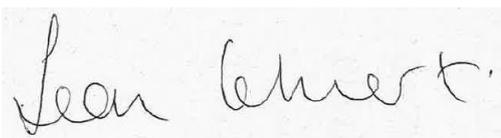
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**



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