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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> party hosting.

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 wish to submit a request to the organisation around their hosting contract(s) with 3rd party providers.**

**The type of contract I wish to see is below:**

- 1. Dedicated hosting- Managed environment**
- 2. Co-Location- hosting allows a business to still own their own server equipment; however, instead of storing it in their own data centre, they instead are able to store it in rented space in a colocation hosting centre.**
- 3. Cloud Hosting- Cloud hosting services provide hosting for websites on virtual servers, which pull their computing resource from extensive underlying networks of physical web servers.**

**Not all of these will be applicable to the organisation.**

**For the different types of hosting services, can you provide me with the following information?**

**1. Type of hosting – Dedicated, Co-Location, Cloud Hosting, Other?**

A1 I believe that UHNM has already answered this request in September 2018 reference 347-1819 therefore I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding 3rd party hosting, 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.uhn.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/FOIdisclosurelog/Pages/default.aspx>

**Q2 Who is the supplier of the contract? If possible can you also provide me with the name of vendor, if applicable?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 What is the annual contract value for each contract?**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 What type of cloud environment?**

**Private Cloud-** a distinct and secure cloud based environment in which only the specified client can operate.

**Public Cloud -** where cloud services are provided in a virtualised environment, constructed using pooled shared physical resources, and accessible over a public network such as the internet.

**Hybrid-** integrated cloud service utilising both private and public clouds to perform distinct functions within the same organisation.

A4 As answer 1

**Q5 What is the original start date of the contract agreement? If there is more than one contract please provide me with the start date for each contract.**

A5 As answer 1

**Q6 What is the actual expiry date of the contract agreement? If there is more than one contract please provide me with the expiry date for each contract.**

A6 As answer 1

**Q7 When will the organisation plan to review this contract? If there is more than one contract please provide me with the review date for each contract.**

A7 As answer 1

**Q8 What is the contract period in years? Please include whether the agreement has any extension periods?**

A8 As answer 1

**Q9 What services are provided under the contract? Please do not put hosting, information such as web hosting, file storage, hosted application. The more information the better,**

A9 As answer 1

**Q10 Can you please provide me with the contract officer responsible for this contract? Complete contact details if possible name, title, contact email and number**

A10 As answer 1

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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.

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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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