



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-563

Date: 12th March 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your letter dated 3rd March 2021 sent to our CEO (received into our office 9th March 2021) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding audited accounts

Please note that to ensure a prompt response to FOI requests that the address at the top of this letter should be used, alternatively please send requests to: foi@uhnm.nhs.uk to avoid a delay in responding.

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 Send me a copy of audited accounts for years 2019-20, and all such info is free of fees for such information.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding audited accounts for year 2019-20, 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:
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/annual-reports-and-accounts/>

Please also note that UHNM responded to you regarding this question on 29th December 2020 FOI ref 419-2021

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Q2 Names of external auditor to do audits of accounts for year 2019-20 and 2020-21 please

A2 For year 2019-20 as answer 1, reference to our external auditors can be found on page 78.

For names of external auditor year 2020-2021- The Trust's 20/21 accounts will not be available until after the Annual General meeting therefore this information is exempt under section 22: *Information for future publication*

This information is also exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information will be available via the Trust's public website at the following link: October 2021

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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.

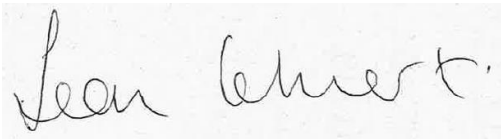
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager