



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-009

Date: 7th May 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 17th April 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding departments.

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 have been advised to approach NHS Trusts directly by NHS England Freedom of Information (Ref: FOI -2004-1172631).

Please can you confirm whether your Trust has the following departments at any of your hospital sites, along with which hospital site they are based at:

- **Endoscopy Department**
- **Sterile Services Department (or any such department for the decontamination of surgical instruments i.e. HSDU, CSSD, etc.)**
- **Renal Department**
- **Estates Department (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)**
- **Medical Engineering Department (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)**

If any of these departments are outsourced to an external company, please can you provide details of which company?

A1 Please see below:

Endoscopy Department	In -House
Sterile Services Department (or any such department for the decontamination of surgical instruments i.e. HSDU, CSSD, etc.)	In House – County and Royal Stoke Outsourced – Royal Stoke - Sodexo
Renal Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In –house however please note: • Renal department at Royal Stoke with Haemodialysis Unit and inpatient ward plus other renal modalities to include Home Therapies, Transplant, Chronic Kidney Disease Team, Hypertension, Vascular access. • Haemodialysis Satellite Unit at County Hospital. <p>Haemodialysis Satellite Unit at Leighton Hospital (Crewe). UHNM outsourced Fresenius to manage this unit. The patients are UHNM activity.</p>
Estates Department (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)	<p><u>Stoke</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Stoke have x 5 endoscope washers in total = x4 owned by Project Co and x1 owned by the Trust. • Sodexo services the machines under a service contract. • Royal stoke Washers are manufactured by Steris. Royal Stoke Drying Cabinets are manufactured by Wassenburg. <p><u>County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County have x 5 endoscope washers in total, owned by the Trust. • Wassenburg services the machines under a service contract and supported By Trust Estates. • County Washers are manufactured by Wassenburg WD440 PT
Medical Engineering Department (specifically for the maintenance and	Not applicable

Endoscopy Department	In -House
validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)	

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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.

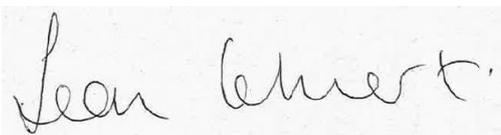
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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





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