

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-192

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st August 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ventilation systems

On 26th August 2020 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by “critical ventilation systems”

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

“UCV services provide independent cleanroom validation services for the healthcare industry. Typically we would validate and verify operating theatre and associated area ventilation systems.

Validation

We perform cleanroom qualification testing in accordance to ISO 14644 and EUGGMP, we also perform continued compliance validation to ensure your cleanrooms remain within specified standards.

- *HEPA filter integrity / leak testing*
- *Airborne particulate count analysis*
- *Pressure cascade balancing*
- *Air distribution balancing and air change rates*
- *Validation of laminar airflow devices*
- *Airflow visualisation testing*
- *Environmental testing including temperature, humidity, noise and light levels*

Verification

UCV services provide bespoke HTM03-01 validation and revalidation reports, our trained CTCB and HTM03-01 AP-V & AE-V professionals are fully equipped for the required testing and recommendations

- *HTM03-01 validation and verification reports*
- *UCV downflow velocity profiling*
- *UCV HEPA filter integrity / leak testing DPC / DOP*
- *UCV entrainment testing*
- *Microbiological plate testing*
- *Room recovery rates*
- *LEV testing*
- *Containment testing*
- *Air duct cleanliness testing²*

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 We at UCV services are a local company that specialize in the commissioning, validation and verification of critical ventilation systems.

Please let us know the following.

Which company is currently in contact to do this work?

A1 Please see below:

County	Howorth Air Technology
Royal Stoke retained	IOM Consultancy
Royal Stoke PFI	This information is not held by the Trust

Q2 Who we should contact to tender for these works?

A2 The Trust would use Suppliers who are listed on a National Framework, or for contracts over £20k the Trust would facilitate a tender exercise using our Procurement portal and invite Suppliers who have expressed an interest or we may have used previously.

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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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