



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-530

Date: 1st March 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19th February 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding accommodation services.

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 Do you provide an accommodation service to employees & new starters?
If answer is yes to Q1 –**

A1 There is an accommodation service for both site employees

Q2 Please provide how many rooms/flats you have available to staff broken down by category, i.e. HMO, Short Assured etc.

A2 See below:
At County:

- HMO = 11 flats
- 3 bed apartments = 13
- 4 bedroom town houses = 16

All of the above are Assured Shorthold Tenancies
Short Term - 2 Flats

At RSUH

- 10 x 2 bed semi detached
- 15 x 3 bed semi detached

There are 25 rooms also available within the RSUH Hospital complex (on-call bedrooms)

Q3 How much do you charge per night for short lets, and how much per month for longer lets – for each category of accommodation that you offer.

A3 See below:

- £27.50 per night (periods under one month)
- £407 per month standard single room in shared flat
- £428 per month en-suite single room in shared flat
- £875 per month 3 bedroom apartment
- £895 per month 4 bedroom town house

All utilities and council tax included

Q4 Do you work in partnership with other organisations to provide an accommodation service? I.e. Housing association, Hotels etc?

If yes – what capacity is this? i.e. how many rooms, flats etc?

A4 The service does not work with any other Partnership in regards to the provision of accommodation

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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.

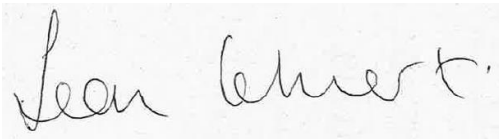
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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