

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-103

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding clinical Insourcing/ insourcing- aggregated

***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***

**On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we contacted you to inform you that we were aggregating this request with your other FOI (previous reference 035-21220).**

**The section 12 exemption states:**

**The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:**

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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.

## **Request#1**

**Q1 As per the FOIA I would like to make the request for the information below.**

**How much has been spent on which insourcing provider in the last 3 years. In the most recent FY in the 12 months ending March 2021 split by month.**

- A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, 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: FOI Ref 033-2122- April 2021-22

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

- Q2 Which specialty this has been spent on and which framework this has been via (named) or if this has been as a NHS subcontract / otherwise.**

**Suggest format attached if this supports.**

- A2 As answer 1

## **Request#2**

- Q1 I am writing to you to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please send me:**

**Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the current 2020/21 financial year. Please breakdown this FY only into each month.**

- A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, 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: FOI Ref 033-2122- April 2021-22

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- Q2 Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2019/20 financial year.**

- A2 As answer 1

- Q3 Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2018/19 financial year.**

- A3 As answer 1

- Q4 Total spend on the use of clinical insourcing (not agency/locum or outsourcing) in the 2017/18 financial year.**

I would like the above information to be provided to me via excel to this email address.

**Insourcing - not to be confused with outsourcing - is where a third party provider of secondary care uses an NHS organisation's premises and equipment to deliver extra clinical capacity, outside of when they are normally in use. In most cases it is essentially an extension of a hospital's existing clinical service.**

A4 As answer 1

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

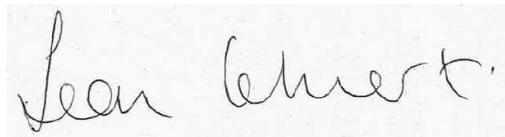
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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