



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-359

Date: 14th December 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24th November 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding coroner's inquests.

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 For the individual financial years 2012/13 through to 2019/2020 inclusive, how much was spent by your NHS Trust on legal costs for coroner's inquests.

This includes representation, preparation and counsel for staff appearing at inquests, as well as the money paid to legal firms for their time on inquest cases.

Could you provide this in a spread sheet with the following cells?

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/20
Cost								

A1 Please see below:

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/20
Cost	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	£7,954	Nil	£10,250	£12,271 £4,348

*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.

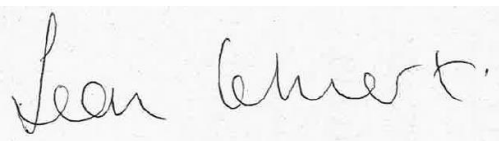
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

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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