



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-492

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28th December 2021 (received into our office 29th December) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Human Milk Product.

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.

**Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain how your Trust acquires and distributes human milk products (also known as “breast milk” or “chest milk” based products, depending on Trust policy). I would like to know:**

**1. Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?**

**For example, your answer may be that your Trust does provide human milk and acquires it from: a human milk bank within your Trust; a human milk bank run outside your Trust; or a private supplier/s.**

**A1 At UHNM the Neonatal Services acquires human milk from human milk banks from outside of the Trust at the Royal Stoke site. The Maternity Services do not use human milk or human milk-based products**

**Q2 Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it?**

**For clarification, we are asking about those adults wishing to have human milk for personal use rather than an adult asking for infant or paediatric feeding. These patients may be seen in departments such as clinical immunology, oncology, or other such departments, not just in nutrition services.**

**A2 No**

**Q3 a. If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?**

3. b. If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?

For example, these companies may include NeoKare, NeoLacta, or Prolacta or like that provide human milk-based products. Some of the products they provide to help you include Humavant, PHBM, MMF or the like.

A3 Neonatal services the answer is No; we do not acquire milk from private companies so are not able to provide spending. The neonatal unit have not been contacted by any such companies' listed in the question

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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.

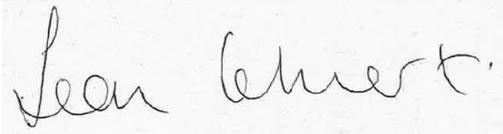
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**