

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-022

Data, Security and Protection Newcastle Road Stoke-on-Trent

**Royal Stoke University Hospital** 

Staffordshire ST4 6QG

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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## Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Healthcare Waste

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 Please could you let me know the date the trust will next tender for healthcare waste collection and disposal services? Forgive me if this information is online and I've missed it, completely happy to receive a link. Could you also please indicate if you have a specific framework that is used?
- A1 The date is unknown at this point in time. The earliest it *may* be competed is estimated at Q1 2024 However; please note that parties have an option to extend the agreement for 24 months i.e. to Quarter 4 2026

Any specific framework the Trust may wish to utilise in the future is not known

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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.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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,

**Rachel Montinaro** 

Data Security and Protection Manager - Records

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