



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-360

Date: 25th September 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Transactions over £25,000

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 Thank you for providing information on your entity's spending at this page:

<https://www.uhn.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/expenditure-25k/>

However, I'm unable to find any details on the transactions made by your entity prior to January 2017.

Therefore, I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for January 2016 to December 2016.

Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

A1 We cannot provide any further information on our spending other than what is already published on our website. The information requested in this FOI request is outside of the period that we retain data for.

We retain payment transaction records in accordance with the HMRC default standard retention period for such records, which is 6 years plus current (otherwise known as 6 years + 1).

In our case this period would be between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2023 plus the current accounting year to 31st March 2024. Information prior to 1st April 2017 has not been retained.

Also, financial information prior to 1st April 2017 is no longer accessible as the finance system in use at that time was replaced during 2017 and we no longer retain this information or have any way of recovering it.

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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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