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Date: 6th August 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th July 2020 (received into our office 27th July 2020) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding PPE.

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

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.

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 This request concerns contracts awarded for PPE directly by your organisation, and the fraud and error related to PPE procured or received by your organisation.

1) Please provide the following information for each PPE contract your organisation has signed directly from February 1st 2020 to date.

This would include contracts for body bags, gowns, gloves, coveralls, masks, respirators, hand sanitizer, visors, and face shields, and clinical disposal equipment such as waste bags.

- a) The total value of each contract**
- b) The date the contract was signed**

- c) The name, unique identifier (Companies House number or Dun & Bradstreet number) and address of each supplier for each contract. Please note companies do not have personal information.
- d) The deliverables agreed in each contract, including the list of items to be supplied, and the volume of each item to be supplied. Procedure, i.e. OJEU, framework, competition or extreme
- e) The procurement urgency provision (negotiated procedure without a call for competition).
- f) Whether the contract has been fulfilled in full as of the date of this request.

A1 We can confirm that we have not signed any PPE contracts since February 2020.

Q2 Please state if any batches of items delivered under these PPE contracts, or national contracts, have failed to meet required product safety or protection standards and those items were rejected.

If this has occurred, please state what PPE items failed to meet standards, and the volume of items rejected (if only an estimated value for this is held, please provide it).

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Please provide a copy of any reports into fraud relating to these PPE contracts, or national contracts, signed since Feb 1st

A3 This question is not applicable as there are no examples to report for fraud.

Q4 See below:

a) Please state the total cost to your Trust due to fraud and error for each month for the period 1st January 2016 to 1st August 2020, if this information is retrievable within cost.

b) If you have a breakdown for PPE related fraud and error, please also provide this for each month for the period Feb 1st to date, if this information is retrievable within cost.

A4 Not applicable

*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.

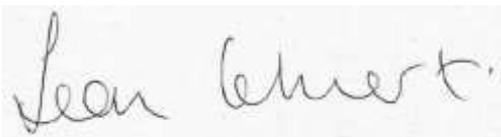
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 a review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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