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Date: 10th October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding halal meat.

On 30th September 2019 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe for the collation of the information.

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

"The period I wish my foi request to cover is the first 6 months of 2019. I hope that clarifies matter."

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 Is halal meat being supplied to local hospitals in our area?

A1 At County Hospital (Stafford) Halal meals are provided on request via bought in frozen ready prepared meals.

At the Royal Stoke University Hospital meals are part of a PFI agreement therefore this information is not held.

Q2 From where is the halal meat sourced?

A2 For County Hospital, we do not hold information on where the halal meat is sourced, however Halal certified individual meals are purchased via Punjab kitchen (Simply Food Solutions)

At the Royal Stoke University Hospital meals are part of a PFI agreement therefore this information is not held.

Q3 What percentage of the meat served in local hospitals is halal?

A3 Information for the percentage of the meat served in local hospitals is not held by UHNM

Q4 Does it come from pre-stunned or un-stunned animals? If stunned, please provide evidence that this is the case;

A4 Information not held by UHNM

Q5 How much does it cost?

A5 Please see below:

- £23.88 Pack 12
- 6 months spend £143.28

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Q6 How many hospitals are serving halal meat?

A6 For UHNM please refer to answer 1, Information is not held by UHNM for other hospitals.

Q7 Are patients aware of being served halal meat during their hospital stay? If so, who made them aware and when?

A7 Information not held by UHNM

Q8 Do patients have the capacity/ability/option to object/complain about the provision of halal meat on religious or animal welfare grounds and what recourse is available to such patients?

A8 Yes, patients and service users may raise a complaint about any concern that they may have and it would be investigated accordingly.

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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

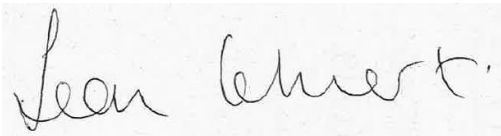
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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 676474.

Yours,



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