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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st February 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Medical undergraduate education

**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 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 We are writing to make a Freedom of Information Request to your NHS Trust, asking that you kindly provide summaries (via electronic copy) of the following information concerning medical undergraduate placements and their funding:**

- 1. How much funding did the Trust receive in total for the education of undergraduate medical students in the most recent financial year?**
  - o Please specify how much of this funding was from the Higher Education England medical undergraduate tariff (previously known as the Service Increment for Teaching or SIFT), and how much was from any other sources, if applicable.**

A1 2020/21 £ 6,452,449, note all this funding was from HEE

- Q2 How many medical students were placed in the Trust during the most recent financial year?**
- Please specify how many student 'places' the Trust hosted at any one time in the most recent year, as well as how many students hosted over the year in total. (e.g. the Trust may host 10 students at a time for one placement rotation, and after 8 placement rotations has hosted a total of 80 students over the course of the year.)
  - Please specify which medical schools you hosted students from, and how many students from each medical school were hosted

A2 2020/21 academic year:  
Year 3- 145 students. Seventeen groups of 8 and one group of 9. Rotating through 5 UHNM blocks of four weeks each block  
Year 4- 67 students. 8 groups of 6. Three groups of 5 and one group of 4. Each group rotating through 5 UHNM blocks of six weeks and one block of four weeks  
Year 5- 67 students. One group of 21 students and two groups of 23 students rotating through 3 blocks of 10 weeks each block.

Information relates to Keele University only, there were no elective placements from other Medical Schools due to Covid -19 restrictions.

- Q3 How much of the funding your Trust receives for hosting undergraduate medical students was ring fenced to be spent specifically on the education of medical undergraduates in the most recent financial year?**

A3 All the funding was ring fenced to be spent specifically on the education of medical undergraduates

- Q4 How much money did the Trust spend on undergraduate medical education in the most recent financial year? Please include the following:**
- How much was spent on staff with a specific undergraduate teaching role, such as Clinical Teaching Fellows (CTFs)?
  - How many staff with a specific undergraduate teaching role (e.g. CTFs) were employed?
  - If there are CTFs employed by the Trust, how many hours of protected teaching time are they allocated per week as part of their role?
  - How much was spent on administrative staff employed specifically to support undergraduate teaching activities?
  - How many administrative staff were employed specifically to support undergraduate teaching activities?

A4 There were 6 Clinical Teaching Fellows in 20/21 academic year. Twenty per cent of their time was spent on the UHNM clinical department where they had chosen to pursue their career. Eighty per cent of their time was spent teaching (with some time for academic learning) the cost was £230,579. The Clinical Teaching Fellows are not employed by the Trust, but by Keele University Medical School

There were 4 administrative staff, and one clinical teacher are employed by UHNM to support undergraduate teaching. The cost was £174,738.

All other staff were employed by Keele University. To request information from Keele University please contact [foi@keele.ac.uk](mailto:foi@keele.ac.uk)

**Q5 If the Trust has made notable expenditures on medical undergraduate education in the most recent financial year that have not been listed in response to question 4, please provide this information.**

A5 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](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,



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