



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-517

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th December 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EPRR Logistics

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 Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to NHS Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response. This information should be readily available as part of the NHS EPRR annual assurance process.**

**Please note that this is a different request from my previous requests: “EPRR Coordination of emergency and disaster management activities”, “EPRR Planning”, “EPRR Communication and information management” and “EPRR Human Resources”.**

**For clarity, to minimise the cost of my request and to prevent the disclosure of any sensitive information, I have enumerated the information I am requesting and specified how it could be provided.**

**Please note that the information requested is only records of the existence of agreements and not the contents of the agreements themselves.**

**Given the potentially sensitive nature of this information, I ask you to redact any exempt information instead of refusing disclosure. This would be in accordance with guidance on best practice from the Information Commissioner’s Office.**

**If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.**

**Logistics**

## Agreements with local suppliers and vendors for emergencies and disasters

**1. Any record of agreements (e.g. memoranda of understanding, mutual aid agreements) with local suppliers, vendors and utility companies / agencies to ensure procurement and delivery of essential medications, equipment and supplies during times of shortage or increased demand, as in the case of emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)**

A1 This is covered by our supplies department and is part of the Business Continuity program as well as the clinical services and supply chain. We have additional storage capacity on site and exercised this during the height of Covid when we were required to have enhanced PPE onsite

Note: Our suppliers will have their own business continuity plans but no supplier would be able to guarantee supply of goods or services in any circumstance.

\*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.

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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,

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