

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-742

Date: 24th April 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding beds.

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 How many patient trolleys/stretchers are used/owned within UHNM and what make and model they are. (Please could the list be split between all your sites?)
*** The purchase dates for the list of trolleys on question above**

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual department records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all departmental records within the Trust and extrapolate the information where it is present to create a new document.

The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, As well as creating new information, this would also take in excess of the 18 hours allowed for under the FOI Act, and would therefore be exempt under section 12: cost of compliance is excessive.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Q2 Expected level of spend on patient trolleys/stretchers for next 12 months

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Q3 How many profiling beds are used/owned within UHNM and what make and model they are. (Please could the list be split between all your sites?)

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Q4 How many electric bed movers are used/owned within UHNM and what make and model they are. (Please could the list be split between all your sites?)

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Q5 Expected level of spend on electric bed movers for next 12 months

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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 671612.



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Yours,

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