

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-474

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding LIMS

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 If possible, I would like to know the following:**

**1. Which LIMS (Laboratory information management system) are used by the North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service (NMCPS) led by UHNM? If applicable, please include details of the current version(s) in use.**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding LIMS, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: Ref 360-2122 October

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

**Q2 Are there any plans to change LIMS within the next 2 years?**

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**Q3 Who has management responsibility for Pathology services for NMCPS?**

A3 See below:

\*Sharon Acton  
Pathology Manager  
North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Services

\*Nick Doorbar  
Deputy Pathology Manager  
North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Services

**Q4 Who is the IT lead for NMCPS?**

A4 See below:

\*Carly Skellern  
Pathology IT Lead  
North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Services

\*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.

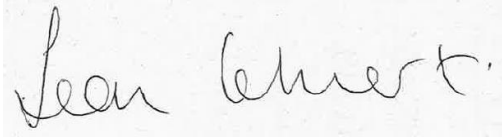
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**