



Homes
England

Date: 24/04/20

Our Ref: RFI2964

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2964

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

With respect to Stretford memorial hospital, Manchester - please confirm the following -

- 1) *current status*
- 2) *valuation*
- 3) *covenants over*
- 4) *legal costs since closure in 2015*
- 5) *security costs incurred since 2018*
- 6) *title register - freehold or leasehold*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the information that falls within the scope of your request, we will address each of your questions below;

Question 1

We can confirm that Homes England are considering a possible transfer of the site from Manchester University NHS Trust.

Questions 2, 4 and 5

I can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Acquisitions Team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

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<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Regarding question 2, we can inform you that as part of our consideration of a transfer we will be considering a valuation of the site at a future point.

Questions 3 and 6

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

We can confirm that the Official Register of Title and Title Plan are accessible to you by other means. Both documents are available for download from the Land Registry for a small fee. The Official Register of Title will contain information on any covenants over the site and state if the site is freehold or leasehold.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

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Or by email to infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link;

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team

For Homes England

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