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REQUEST

Under the FOI act can you provide me with dates and cost when you sold and re bought the land and buildings on Wigan road and pinfold road , so there is no confusion you sold the said land and buildings to NHS property services and you have bought then back the said land buildings in 2024 .

RESPONSE

The former Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust declared large parts of the Ormskirk site surplus to requirements in September 2011 and in accordance with NHS policy at the time the land and buildings were transferred to NHS Property Services to be sold for housing. Much of the land was sold in this way and there have been several new housing developments on the former hospital land.

In more recent years, with the advent of the Shaping Care Together programme and more latterly the formation of Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, it has become apparent some of these pieces of land may be needed to accommodate new or expanded services at the Ormskirk site and they needed to be retained by the NHS, whilst these strategic issues were being considered.

As the NHS financial regime for the transfer of property has changed the Trust was obliged to purchase the land back from NHSPS, which it did at the end of 2023/24.

Buildings purchased at Ormskirk Hospital previously owned by NHSPS were purchased for £1,650,000.

Buildings purchased at Ormskirk Hospital previously owned by Lancashire Care Foundation Trust were purchased for £2,840,000.