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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Brexit.

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 I am writing to make an open government request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**It has been reported that all NHS Trusts have compiled information about the impact on the supply of goods and services and on EU staff numbers collected by NHS Trusts, in preparation for a no-deal as well as self-assessments of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.**

**I would therefore like to request:**

- 1. The full report of a no-deal Brexit impact assessment**

**I would like to request that the above information be provided to me as both paper and electronic copies.**

**In addition, if the release of any of this information is in your view prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, please supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement or “gagging order” placed. I hope the NHS Trust and the Government will also consider, whilst dealing with this request, what conclusion the British people should draw about its findings if it fails to publish the list of sectors, scope of the analysis and the reports so far completed.**

**A1** The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The Trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In addition, the Trust is applying section 29(1)(a)(b) financial/economic interests of any administration in the United Kingdom

**Q2 Other self-assessments on the impact of Brexit;**

A2 As answer 1.

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,





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