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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd April 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding suspected acute myocardial infarction.

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 I am requesting information on following questions related to acute myocardial infarction (AMI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Do the hospitals within your Trust use High Sensitivity Troponin Assay to diagnose patients who present with suspected acute myocardial infarction (AMI)?

A1 Not currently; the High Sensitivity Troponin assay is due to be introduced at the beginning of May, following verification assessment.

Q2 If yes, in which year was the High Sensitivity Troponin Assay introduced for this purpose?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 What assay is it (please specify manufacturer) and what threshold is used for a positive test?

A3 Please see below:

- Siemens ADVIA Centaur® TnI-Ultra® assay.
- Threshold used is ≥ 40 ng/L

Q4 Is it used for rapid rule-out of AMI to avoid hospital admission?

A4 Please refer to answer 5

Q5 Please send a copy of any guidelines or protocol used by your Trust for the diagnosis of AMI by email.

A5 Please see attached document.

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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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