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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th May 2019 (received into our office 13th May) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding obstetric recruitment and obstetric training accreditation.

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 Please can you tell me whether you employ any non-training middle grades in your obstetric unit/s?

A1 Yes

Q2 If so, can you specify how many and which unit they are employed at?

A2 UHNM has five non-training middle grades in our obstetric unit/s at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Q3 Can you let me know if you currently have any obstetric vacancies for non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants?

A3 UHNM has no vacancies

Q4 Has there been any difficulty recruiting either consultants or registrars or non-training grades in recent years?

A4 Yes

Q5 Are there, or have there been in recent years, any recruitment programmes (beyond advertising) for obstetric vacancies (i.e. oversees recruitment programmes)?

A5 Yes

Q6 If so, can you specify whether these are either for non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants, and provide information on these programmes (i.e. used Agency X to recruit non-training middle grades from India)?

A6 Information not held, however we can supply the following: Please see below

- Non-training middle grades
- Registrars MTI (medical training initiative)

Q7 If recruitment programmes have been used, how successful have they been?

A7 Information not held

Q8 Can you also let me know whether there have been any incentives in place at the Trust to attract obstetric non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants?

A8 Information not held

Q9 If so I would very much like to see details of these, please.

A9 Information not held

Q10 Finally, can you let me know what deanery your obstetric unit/s come under whether obstetric Training Accreditation has been awarded either to the Trust, or to specific sites?

A10 HEE West Midlands.

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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.

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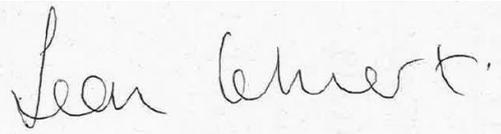
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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