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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9th May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Heart valve Surgery.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) we would like to understand the extent of access, assessment, and referral for symptomatic aortic stenosis within your Trust.

We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

1. How many referrals did you received for symptomatic aortic stenosis from 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019?

A1 Please see below:

- County Hospital = 735
- Royal Stoke University Hospital = 1893

2,628 e referrals made into the 'valve disorders' directory of service by GP's between April 2018 and March 2019

Q2 Of those referrals in question 1, how many were offered a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)

A2 69 patients were added to the inpatient waiting list for a TAVI procedure between April 2018 and March 2019

Q3 Of those offered a TAVI in question 2, how many were recommended by the:

- a. Interventional cardiologist?**
- b. Cardiothoracic surgeon?**

A3 Please see below: Of the 69 patients added to the TAVI waiting list:

- 63 patients started their pathway in cardiology
- 6 patients started their pathway in cardiothoracic surgery.

Q4 What was the average waiting time for patients undergoing TAVI between 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019?

A4 Of the 69 patients added to the waiting list, the average wait to procedure from the decision to treat was 28 days

Q5 How many patients were removed from your Trust's TAVI waiting list due to death between 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019?

A5 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can confirm that of the 69 patients added to the waiting list for a TAVI procedure, less than five patients were removed with the reason 'RIP' selected.

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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.

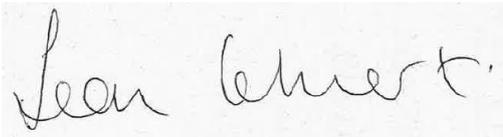
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager