



University Hospitals
of North Midlands
NHS Trust

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Date: 17th June 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th June 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding unlicensed cannabis based medical products.

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 have two requests that are as follows:

1. Please list the unlicensed cannabis based medical products you have approved for prescription by consultants (on the General Medical Council's specialist register), in your NHS Acute (Hospital) Trust's area on an NHS prescription to their patients. ('Unlicensed' refers to the medicine not having received Market Approval in the UK by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and it not being listed in Schedule 4 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001).

A1 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) does not have any unlicensed cannabis based medical products for prescription by consultants.

Q2 Please state the number of prescriptions that have been issued within your NHS Trust's area for the following cannabis based medical products since 01/11/2018:

- **Nabiximols (Sativex). Product code: PL 18024/0009.**
- **Cannabidiol (Epidiolex). Product code: N/A.**

A2 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) has none of the above cannabis based medical products.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

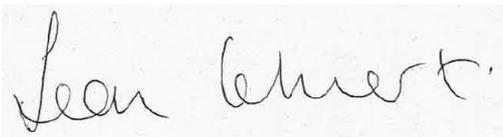
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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