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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th July 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Prostate cancer guidelines.

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 Does the NHS Trust have prostate cancer referral guidelines? If yes, please provide a copy.

A1 The Trust follows NICE guidance QS91 and CG175 which can be found at the following web links:

QS91 <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs91>

CG175 <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg175>

Q2 According to the NHS Trust guidelines, at what PSA level should GPs refer patients for suspected prostate cancer?

- Does this differ depending on any factor, such as age?
- Are repeated PSA tests required before a referral?

A2 Referral guidelines are based on local age related reference range

Q3 When were the NHS Trust prostate cancer referral guidelines last updated?

A3 The cancer referral guidelines are routinely reviewed annually and updated if there are major changes in between review.

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If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

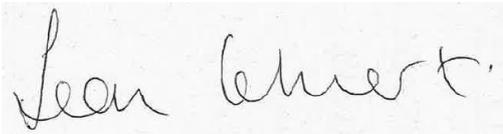
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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