



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-272

Date: 22nd August 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th August 2019 (received into our office 8th August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding traffic light ratings.

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 would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding how your NHS Trust rates its preparedness for No Deal Brexit on October 31st 2019.

What are the traffic light ratings (green/ orange/ red), or rating system of your preference, for your current preparedness for a No Deal Brexit for the following areas, previously identified by NHS Providers as key considerations for NHS Trusts:

- **Supply of medicines and devices**
- **Other supplies of goods and services**
- **Workforce**
- **Research and development**
- **Funding and macroeconomic impacts**
- **Regulation (e.g. around UK-wide arrangements to replace the functions of EU agencies)**
- **Public health (e.g. in relation to early warning systems for medicines safety)**
- **Drugs pipeline (e.g. slower approvals for the UK market compared to the EU)”**

A1 Please see below:

Supply of medicines and devices	Green
Other supplies of goods and services	Green
Workforce	Green
Research and development	Green
Funding and macroeconomic impacts	Green
Regulation (e.g. around UK-wide arrangements to replace the functions of EU agencies)	Not applicable to UHNM
Public health (e.g. in relation to	Green

early warning systems for medicines safety)	
Drugs pipeline (e.g. slower approvals for the UK market compared to the EU)”	Not applicable to UHNM, please contact Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

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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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