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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding use of unlicensed medicines.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 your Trust have a policy on the use of unlicensed medicines? Please answer Yes or No. If yes, please provide a copy of the policy and all other relevant documentation**

A1 Yes. See attached, however note that this is due to be updated.

**Q2 Does your Trust have a policy or protocol on obtaining informed consent from patients when an unlicensed medicine is used?**

**Please answer Yes or No.**

**If yes, please provide copies of all relevant documentation, including copies of template informed consent materials, used to consent patients where an unlicensed medicine is to be administered**

A2 Please refer to the attached policy MM04.

**Q3 Please state which Board level job role(s) is (are) responsible for patient safety and consenting**

**a. If no Board level job role(s) is (are) responsible for patient safety and consenting, please state which job role in the organisation is responsible for this**

A3 Medical Director

**Q4 Does your Trust have, or intend to introduce, a policy that makes compounded bevacizumab routinely available to treat wet age-related macular degeneration? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy**

A4 Not applicable as UHNM is not currently using nor intending to use bevacizumab for wet age-related macular degeneration

**Q5** Over the past two years has your Trust, on more than one occasion, used compounded Avastin (bevacizumab) for the treatment of wet age-related macular degeneration?  
Please answer Yes or No

A5 Not applicable

**Q6** If yes to 5:

**Was the compounded Avastin (bevacizumab) for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration produced within an aseptic department owned/run by the Trust? Please answer Yes or No**

A6 Not applicable

**Q7** If yes to 6:

**Does the Trust's aseptic department, referred to above, currently hold an MHRA license for the manufacture of specials? Please answer Yes or No**

A7 Not applicable

**Q8** When was the Trust's aseptic department, referred to above, in answer to Q5 last inspected by the CQC?

A8 Not applicable

**Q9** If you answered no to question 5, but yes to question 4:

**Please provide information regarding from whom your Trust has obtained/purchased compounded Avastin (bevacizumab). If you cannot provide the name of any commercial supplier, please provide as much information as possible**

A9 Not applicable

\*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.

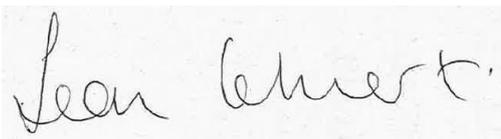
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**