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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding clinical equipment.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 How many Novasure for endometrial ablation procedures has the Trust purchased in the last 12 months?**

A1 Sixty (60)

**Q2 How many Lonestar disposable surgical retractors has the Trust purchased in the last 12 months?**

A2 Forty three (43)

**Q3 Are your surgeons using adhesion prevention products (eg: Hyalobarrier gel, Hyacorp endo gel, Materegen gel) for laparoscopic procedures?**

**If so, how many have been purchased in the last 12 months?**

A3 None of these products are listed on our pharmacy system therefore this information not held

**Q4 Are your surgeons using adhesion prevention products eg: Hyalobarrier gel, Hyacorp endo gel, Materegen gel) for intra-uterine procedures?**

**If so, how many have been purchased in the last 12 months?**

A4 None of these products are listed on our pharmacy system therefore this information not held

**Q5 How many Capio suture capturing devices were purchased in the last 12 months?**

A5 Six (6)

**Q6 How many operating theatres do you have in the Trust which are used for laparoscopy? Do they use bottled CO2?**

A6 The ability to perform laparoscopic procedures is not restricted by the operating theatre; it is dependent on the availability of laparoscopic equipment. We currently have 14 laparoscopic towers, all mobile to allow for the ability to move to different theatres. Of these 14, only 4 do not use CO2. These towers can be used for a range of specialities, including cardiothoracic, urology, colorectal, Gynaecology, upper GI and general surgery.

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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.

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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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