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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding asbestos claims.

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 Do any of your hospitals currently contain asbestos?**

A1 Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) have been identified at all sites.

**Q2 How many reported incidents of asbestos exposure have there been in any of your hospital buildings over the past five years (between January 2013 – December 2017).**

A2 There have been no reported incidents at UHNM.

**Q3 How many claims have ever been made against your Trust for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma.**

A3 The Trust has had no claims made against us for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma.

**Q4 How many of these claims have been settled?**

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 What is the amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims where your Trust did not go through NHS Resolution (formerly the NHS Litigation Authority)? Please include claims with and without your trust/board accepting responsibility and claims made through any other insurance schemes excluding the NHSLA/NHS Resolutions.**

A5 Not applicable

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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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