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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding bariatric waiting times.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required the following information clarified:

Q1 please can you provide post codes or the CCG areas you require information for?

Q2 and Q3 is this for ALL surgery or just bariatric? We also require a time frame.

You replied via email the following:

“Q1

*NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG*

*NHS South Cheshire CCG*

*NHS Vale Royal CCG*

*NHS West Cheshire CCG*

*NHS North Staffordshire CCG NHS Stafford and Surrounding CCG*

*NHS Liverpool CCG*

*NHS Halton CCG*

*NHS Knowlsey CCG*

*NHS Sefton CCG*

*NHS Southport AND Formby CCG*

*Q2 and Q3 Just bariatric please 1 year minimum but more information would be appreciated if available a maximum of 5 years please”.*

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 we contacted you via email as we required further clarification as to whether you meant patients who have had bariatric surgery or bariatric patients that have had any surgery?

On the same day you responded via email the following:

*“Patients who had actual weight loss surgery so gastric sleeve or bypass.”*

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 I would like to ask under the freedom of information act.**

**How many bariatric patients have had surgery with you in the last 5 years from Merseyside, Cheshire and Stoke?**

**I would like to know the information if possible by each area and not a collective figure**

A1 Please note that some procedures which are used to undertake “bariatric surgery” are also used for general surgery to treat conditions such as cancer. The figures below will incorporate this as we are not able to distinguish between bariatric cases and non-bariatric cases.

(OPCS Codes used G27, G28, G31, G33, G716, G717 and G304)

<b>Patients</b>	<b>Cal Year</b>					
<b>Areas</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Cheshire</b>						
NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG	1	1	0	1	0	3
NHS South Cheshire CCG	6	9	7	11	4	37
NHS Vale Royal CCG	4	0	5	2	0	11
NHS West Cheshire CCG	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Merseyside</b>						
NHS Halton CCG	0	0	0	1	5	6
NHS Knowsley CCG	0	0	0	3	2	5
NHS Liverpool CCG	0	0	0	10	5	15
NHS South Sefton CCG	0	0	0	1	2	3
NHS Southport and Formby CCG	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Stoke</b>						
NHS North Staffordshire CCG	45	68	33	70	7	223
NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG	16	26	17	30	1	90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>397</b>

**Q2 I would also like to know the total number of days from referral to surgery again for each area.**

A2 We are unable to advise on the number of days from actual referral to surgery as this is not held within the Trust data warehouse.

Please note each bariatric case is viewed on a case by case basis and surgery is undertaken once the patient has met strict criteria, patients will meet the criteria at different rates and therefore maybe treated out of turn.

**Q3 Are you able to access the total wait time for out of area patients say a South Cheshire patient from GP referral to surgery?**

**If so can you tell me the details for Merseyside and Cheshire?**

A3 As answer 2

\*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.

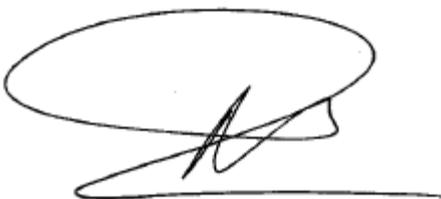
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop at the top and a horizontal line at the bottom.



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