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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th May 2018 (received into our office 8th May) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 [RIPA].

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 request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 [RIPA] in the last 3 years.

NB: This refers only to cases where the Acute Health Trust has decided to use RIPA itself -- not cases where external bodies, such as the police, have made RIPA requests.

Could you please tell me?

1) How many members of staff (including former members of staff and locum staff working for the Trust) has the Trust investigated using RIPA powers? Please break this down by year.

A1 Please see below:

- 2015/16 – Information not held
- 2016/17 – RIPA not used by Local Counter Fraud Specialist, UHNM Security, HR or IM&T as part of any investigations
- 2017/18 – RIPA not used by Local Counter Fraud Specialist, UHNM Security, HR or IM&T as part of any investigations

Q2 What type of investigation was done under RIPA? E.g. copies of emails, internet history, etc.?

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to provide me with all the information requested, please provide as much of it as possible.

A2 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.

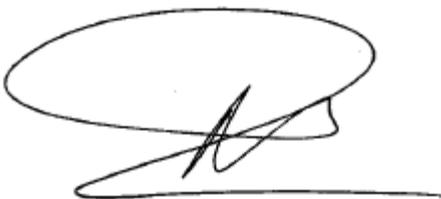
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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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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