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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd May 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding a reminder for information on monthly RTT, LOS & Paediatrics Leukaemia.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in question 4 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just questions 1, 2 and 3 we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

We advised you that the Trust had not previously received your request and asked you to provide a reference number that we would have acknowledged this with.

On 23rd May 2017 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: do you require the Length of Stay for Paediatric Leukaemia patients or the overall Lengths of Stay as a Trust split by Elective and Non-Elective?

On 24th May 2018 you contacted us via email the following:

"Hi Team, Here is no link between these 4 questions.

*Q1, Q2 and Q3 should be total patients (all types) Q4 should be total paediatric leukaemia attendance
Thanks,"*

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 FOI request with regards to monthly RTT, LOS & Paediatrics Leukaemia in 2017/18 financial year

FOI Data Request 2017	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Please provide your average Length of Stay for each month in 2017 – ELECTIVE												
Please provide your average Length of Stay for each month in 2017 – NON ELECTIVE												
Please provide a snapshot of your patients waiting on your RTT waiting list over 26 weeks for each month in 2017												
Please provide number of paediatric leukaemia patients your hospital saw in 2017 by each month												

A1 Please see below:

FOI Data Request 2017	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Please provide your average Length of Stay for each month in 2017 – ELECTIVE	3.65	3.51	3.97	3.75	3.97	3.83	3.95	3.38	4.12	3.89	3.62	3.48
Please provide your average Length of Stay for each month in 2017 – NON ELECTIVE	3.75	3.63	3.74	3.66	3.88	3.83	3.98	3.94	4.23	4.19	4.20	4.26
Please provide a snapshot of your patients waiting on your RTT waiting list over 26 weeks for each month in 2017	2900	3217	3368	3743	4701	4339	4180	4324	5689	6206	6469	7038

Please provide number of pediatric leukemia patients your hospital saw in 2017 by each month

Information not held: a patient's diagnosis is only identified for Inpatients. (this information would be exempt under section 12 of the FOI act as detailed above)

We are unable to identify patients attending with Paediatric Leukaemia

*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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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,

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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