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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd May 2018 (received 3rd May) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Neurology Devices.

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 am currently doing research on neurology devices and would like information regarding the following neurology stimulators in your trust:

- **Cortical Stimulators (e.g. Integra LifeSciences: OCS2 Ojemann Cortical Stimulator)**
- **Deep Brain Stimulators – specifically impulse generator (e.g. Medtronic: Activa Neurostimulator)**
- **Spinal Cord Stimulators – specifically impulse generator (e.g. Medtronic: RestoreSensor Neurostimulator)**

Please see below for the questions:

Cortical Stimulators

- 1. How many devices are currently in your neurosurgery hospital?**
- 2. How many purchases of cortical stimulator devices were made in the past year (2017)?**
- 3. What is the average lifespan of a cortical stimulator before it is replaced?**
- 4. What brands are currently being used?**

A1 This equipment is not used in this Trust

Q2 Deep Brain Stimulators

- 1. How many deep brain stimulators (impulse generators) were purchased by the neurosurgery hospital in 2017?**
- 2. What is the average lifespan of the device?**
- 3. What brands are being used?**

4. If possible, could you provide information on the percentage of generators used for a new stimulator implantation procedure vs. a replacement procedure?

A2 This equipment is not used in this Trust

Q3 Spinal Cord Stimulators

1. How many Spinal Cord Simulators (impulse generators) were purchased by the neurosurgery hospital in 2017?
2. What is the average lifespan of the device?
3. What brands are being used?
4. If possible, could you provide information on the percentage of generators used for a new stimulator implantation procedure vs. a replacement procedure?

A3 This equipment is not used in this 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, loopy initial 'M' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Interim Information Governance Manager