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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding local authority staff.

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 1 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual departmental records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all departmental 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 departmental 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 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.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the time frame for this information.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 you replied via email the following:  
*"Please could you provide the data from 2010 to present? Apologies for the omission."*

On 11th June 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on Q3 and whether you meant ALL patients discharged from the hospital for just information on patients discharged by the local authority?

On 18th June 2018 you replied via email the following:

*"All patients please."*

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 Could you please provide the following information relating to discharge teams in your Trust: Firstly, how many members of staff are employed full time or part time within your hospital discharge team?**

A1 Information not held prior to merger in November 2014. Information for 2014 onwards - Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

**Q2 Secondly, how many local authority staff are employed by your Trust to facilitate discharge into adult social care?**

A2 Information not held by the Trust however, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this and they can be contacted at the following email: [foi@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mpft.nhs.uk)

**Q3 Thirdly, could you please provide all available data on how many patients you discharge broken down annually and by month if possible.**

**Clarified as: All patients please.**

A3 As per your above clarification, please see below: (UHNM Trust Discharges by Point of Delivery - November 2014 to May 2018)

Financial Year	Month	Point of Delivery							
		Day case	Elective	Baby Born	Emergency	Maternity	Transfer	Regular Day	Regular Night
2014/2015	Nov 2014	6612	1220	315	6712	1744	214	22	28
	Dec 2014	6109	1085	280	6821	1594	261	38	30
	Jan 2015	6146	985	247	6563	1484	184	15	11
	Feb 2015	6313	1117	204	5968	1274	201	29	27
	Mar 2015	6905	1368	217	6622	1476	256	15	17
2015/2016	Apr 2015	6484	1126	220	6097	1447	285	16	27
	May 2015	6200	1128	224	6432	1572	245	45	33
	Jun 2015	6965	1287	221	6700	1494	294	52	20
	Jul 2015	7342	1378	218	6751	1620	339	62	27
	Aug 2015	6318	1239	199	6381	1467	259	33	14
	Sep 2015	6647	1210	221	6645	1514	238	348	174
	Oct 2015	6484	1329	189	7279	1447	261	353	218
	Nov 2015	6514	1248	180	7274	1468	258	208	263
	Dec 2015	6411	1100	198	7706	1524	274	103	298
	Jan 2016	6552	1034	191	7366	1523	248	35	231
	Feb 2016	6557	1207	172	6996	1363	242	77	300
	Mar 2016	6679	1102	166	7462	1557	231	49	300
2016/2017	Apr 2016	6603	1215	193	7302	1497	221	103	345
	May	6500	1172	219	7397	1508	250	100	366

	2016								
	Jun 2016	6847	1223	200	7291	1636	250	91	266
	Jul 2016	6577	1191	216	7175	1767	276	126	276
	Aug 2016	6752	1068	208	6965	1542	218	130	267
	Sep 2016	6991	1224	180	7012	1508	229	98	21
	Oct 2016	7122	1330	210	7053	1584	243	36	17
	Nov 2016	7773	1242	200	7265	1517	238	44	17
	Dec 2016	6765	1203	177	6837	1485	253	129	28
	Jan 2017	6813	1120	194	6672	1510	250	127	168
	Feb 2017	7049	1342	172	6378	1399	162	44	42
	Mar 2017	8139	1544	161	7114	1514	134	57	60
2017/2018	Apr 2017	6567	1298	151	6766	1431	168	52	41
	May 2017	7417	1311	138	7465	1663	151	47	43
	Jun 2017	7413	1333	150	7375	1695	134	225	29
	Jul 2017	7282	1326	157	7362	1801	123	254	29
	Aug 2017	7325	1224	160	6875	1685	131	262	11
	Sep 2017	7176	1198	142	7052	1618	121	286	24
	Oct 2017	7496	1196	197	7198	1579	137	274	28
	Nov 2017	7577	1231	184	7463	1589	124	335	21
	Dec 2017	6261	972	222	6882	1576	162	279	22
	Jan 2018	7833	882	225	7484	1683	137	369	16
	Feb 2018	7095	995	179	6850	1423	151	319	20
	Mar 2018	7466	1242	176	7737	1620	126	317	7
2018/2019	Apr 2018	7078	1165	179	7864	1625	146	330	5
	May 2018	7610	1255	192	8412	1727	137	386	*Less than 5

\* We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers and have provided this above.

\*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](http://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 extending to the right at the bottom.

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