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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 cerebral palsy provisions.

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 7 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 the questions we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

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 What is the total number of children and young people diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy by your Trust/Health Board in the last five years? (N.B.: this should be recorded as a total figure rather than figures for each year individually.)

A1 Information not held: - There is no database of children diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at UHNM. Diagnosis is often made in the outpatient clinics where the diagnosis is not coded (as opposed to inpatients, which are) the local authority keeps a voluntary disability database.

Q2 What is the care pathway for children and young people with cerebral palsy in your Trust/Health Board? Please provide a copy of this if possible.

A2 Information not held: - however, we are currently developing a cerebral palsy pathway as part of the plan for addressing NICE guidance on managing cerebral palsy.

- Q3 Is there a specific timescale set out in your care pathway for referral to a child development service for diagnosis of cerebral palsy from the point when symptoms are initially identified? If so, please provide this data.**
- A3 All children with symptoms of cerebral palsy are referred to the Community Paediatrics (Child Development Centre) and are part of the 18 week referral to treatment pathway.
- Q4 What is the total number of?**
- **Health visitors employed by your Trust/Health Board?**
 - **Specialist health visitors for children with special needs employed by your Trust/Health Board?**
- A4 Not applicable:-the Trust does not employ any of the above posts.
- Q5 What training is given to healthcare professionals, including health visitors and GPs, to recognise the risk factors and possible symptoms for Cerebral Palsy?**
- A5 All the Community Paediatricians have had training on the risk factors for cerebral palsy within the last 3 months, following the launch of the NICE guidance
- Q6 What is the total number of specialist staff employed by your Trust/Health Board, who are trained to work with children and young people with Cerebral Palsy, from the following disciplines:**
- **Paediatric speech and language therapy**
 - **Paediatric physiotherapy**
 - **Paediatric occupational therapy**
- A6 Not applicable: - the Trust does not employ any of the above posts.
- Q7 How many children and young people with Cerebral Palsy are currently on a waiting list to access any of the above services within your Trust/Health Board?**
- A7 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

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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.

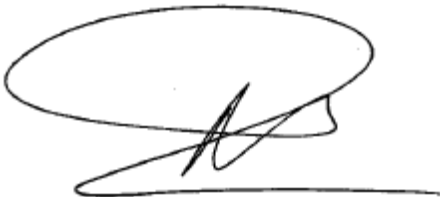
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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