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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th May 2018 (received into our office 21st May) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patient deaths.

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 request using the Freedom of Information act, how many patients died in your hospital during the first seven weeks of 2018?

A1 For the time period (01/01/18 – 18/02/2018) there were 616 patients that died in hospital.

Q2 Can you also tell me how many patients died in your hospital for the same period of seven weeks in 2017?

A2 For the time period (01/01/18 – 18/02/2017) there were 531 patients that died in hospital.

Q3 Can I ask how many of those deaths during the first seven weeks of 2018 occurred following a serious untoward incident?

A3 Eight patients died during first seven weeks of 2018 that were also involved in a serious incident however, their death was not necessarily as result of the serious incident.

Q4 Can I ask how many deaths during the first seven weeks of 2017 in your hospital occurred following a serious untoward incident?

A4 Six patients died during first seven weeks of 2017 that were also involved in a serious incident however, their death was not necessarily as result of the serious incident.

*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.

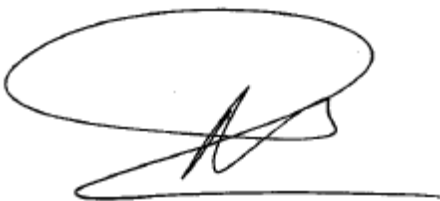
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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, appearing to be 'Mojgan Casillas', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Mojgan Casillas
Interim Information Governance Manager



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