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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding elective wait list.

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 I would like to make a Freedom of Information request to gain information on the following questions**
- 1. What is the current size of your Elective wait list broken down by specialty in May? I would be grateful if you could fill out the below tables with regards to the stated questions.**

**Table 1. May Elective waiting list by specialty in May**

Specialty	Elective waiting list in May

- A1** 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 Act: *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers where relevant - Please refer to the table below:

Specialty	Elective waiting list in May 2018
100 General Surgery	61
101 Urology	922

103 Breast Surgery	97
104 Colorectal Surgery	329
106 Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	258
107 Vascular Surgery	167
108 Spinal Surgery	180
110 Trauma and Orthopaedics	1048
120 Ear Nose and Throat	431
130 Ophthalmology	776
140 Oral Surgery	511
144 Maxillo-Facial Surgery	178
150 Neurosurgery	61
160 Plastic Surgery	369
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	130
171 Paediatric Surgery	41
173 Thoracic Surgery	18
191 Pain Management	311
214 Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedics	132
251 Paediatric Gastroenterology	41
255 Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy	49
258 Paediatric Respiratory Medicine	202
260 Paediatric Medical Oncology	20
300 General Medicine	Less than 5
301 Gastroenterology	7014
302 Endocrinology	87

303 Clinical Haematology	325
314 Rehabilitation	164
320 Cardiology	462
340 Respiratory Medicine	185
361 Nephrology	9
400 Neurology	232
410 Rheumatology	905
420 Paediatrics	22
502 Gynaecology	699
503 Gynaecological Oncology	26
800 Clinical Oncology	349
810 Radiology	143

*\*The Trust is positioned to work with an external company to support validation of our waiting lists following some IT system issues so we expect the numbers will change over the next few months.*

**Q2 How many patients from your hospital were discharged to home care settings, i.e. residential care homes/nursing homes etc. in the last 6 months (December – May)?**  
**Table 2. Patients discharged to a home care setting in the last 6 months**

	December	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Discharged Patients to home cares							

**A2 Please refer to the table below:**

	December	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Discharged Patients to home cares	96	154	115	129	130	140	764

\*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.

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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, appearing to be 'Mojgan Casillas', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Mojgan Casillas  
**Interim Information Governance Manager**



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