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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th June 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patients with cancer.

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 questions 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8, is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health/death records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health/death 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/death 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 How many individuals diagnosed in the last 5 years with prostate cancer?

A1 2330 patients were diagnosed with a new primary prostate cancer over the period January 2013 to December 2017

Q2 How many deaths attributable to prostate cancer in the last 5 years?

A2 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

Q3 How many individuals diagnosed in the last 5 years with breast cancer?

A3 3086 patients were diagnosed with a new primary breast cancer (ICD Codes beginning C* and D05*) over the period January 2013 to December 2017.

Q4 How many deaths attributable to breast cancer in the last 5 years?

A4 As answer 2

Q5 How many individuals diagnosed with brain cancer in the last 5 years?

A5 438 patients were diagnosed with a new primary brain cancer (Grade 3 or 4) over the period January 2013 to December 2017.

Q6 Of those diagnosed with brain cancer how many with GBM4?

A6 As answer 2

Q7 How many deaths attributable to brain cancer in the last 5 years?

A7 As answer 2

Q8 Of those deaths how many due to GBM4?

A8 As answer 2

Q9 How many children diagnosed with brain cancer in the last 5 years?

A9 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 number as being less than 5.

Q10 How many child deaths attributable to brain cancer in the last 5 years?

A10 None.

*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, consisting of a large, loopy initial 'M' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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