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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd July 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patient prescriptions and ankle surgery.

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 make a Freedom of Information request to gain information on the following questions:

1. How many count of patient prescriptions did your pharmacy department issue last year – please provide this with monthly numbers?

Table 1. No. of Patients prescriptions pharmacy department issued

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of patient prescriptions pharmacy department issued												

A1 Please note that our pharmacy computer system cannot report on number of prescriptions issued only the number of items issued and this would include stock items issued against a ward stock list.

Q2 2. How many Ankle replacements did your Trust perform over the last 36 months – please provide this with monthly numbers.

Table 2. Ankle replacement performed

	Jun - 17	Jul - 17	Aug -17	Sep -17	Oct -17	Nov -17	Dec-17	Jan -18	Feb - 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May - 18

No. of Ankle Replacements (last 12 months)												
	Jun - 16	Jul - 16	Aug - 16	Sep - 16	Oct - 16	Nov - 16	Dec - 16	Jan - 17	Feb - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17	May - 17
No. of Ankle Replacements (last 24 months)												
	Jun - 15	Jul - 15	Aug - 15	Sep - 15	Oct - 15	Nov - 15	Dec - 15	Jan - 16	Feb - 16	Mar - 16	Apr - 16	May - 16
No. of Ankle Replacements (last 36 months)												

A2 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 Data Protection Act 2018. 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 of ankle replacement- please see below.

	Jun - 17	Jul - 17	Aug - 17	Sep - 17	Oct - 17	Nov - 17	Dec - 17	Jan - 18	Feb - 18	Mar - 18	Apr - 18	May - 18
No. of Ankle Replacements (last 12 months)	Less than 5		Less than 5			Less than 5			Less than 5			Less than 5
	Jun - 16	Jul - 16	Aug - 16	Sep - 16	Oct - 16	Nov - 16	Dec - 16	Jan - 17	Feb - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17	May - 17
No. of Ankle Replacements (last 24 months)	Less than 5			Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5			Less than 5	Less than 5	

	Jun - 15	Jul - 15	Aug - 15	Sep- 15	Oct - 15	Nov - 15	Dec - 15	Jan - 16	Feb - 16	Mar - 16	Apr - 16	May - 16
No. of Ankle Replacements (last 36 months)					Less than 5				Less than 5			Less than 5

*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,



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