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of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (received into our office 19<sup>th</sup> July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding crutches, walking frames and walking sticks.

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 Can you please provide me in an EXCEL file (please make sure that your response will actually be in an EXCEL file not in PDF or WORD) with the following information?**

**How many crutches, walking frames and walking sticks were purchased by your Trust in the financial year 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16 (please break the figure down by financial year)?**

A1 Information not held as all equipment is managed by Mediquip, a private company employed through the Commissioners on a service level agreement (SLA) to provide equipment across the health economy

**Q2 What was the total spend in the above years on a) crutches b) walking frames c) walking sticks (please break the figure down by financial year)?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 How many have been given to patients and have not been returned in each financial year (please break the figure down by financial year)?**

A3 As answer 1

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](http://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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**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**