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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5th July 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Trust's waiting list.

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 Please can you provide me with the number of patients who have left the Trust's waiting list in each of the last 4 financial years for the following reasons?

- Number of patients who died while on the waiting list
- Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)
- Number of patients who have left to seek private treatment

Please provide the overall total of patients who left the waiting list, for the following years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18.

I would be grateful if you could complete the table below for ease.

FINANCIAL YEAR	Total number of patients who left the waiting list	Number of patients who died while on waiting list	Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)	Number of patients leaving list to seek private treatment
2013/14				
2014/15				
2015/16				
2016/17				

2017/18				
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A1 Please see below, however note:

- Only elective booked and elective waiting list patients have been provided (there are no planned patients). The increase in the number of patients recorded as “no longer needed treatment” occurs upon change of the Trust PAS computer system, giving more accurate recording of removal reasons.
- Information is also depending on how the “user” interprets the “treated privately” removal reason, this may be used when the Trust transfers care out to be treated by a private provider due to the lack of capacity within the Trust

<i>FINANCIAL YEAR</i>	<i>Total number of patients who left the waiting list</i>	<i>Number of patients who died while on waiting list</i>	<i>Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)</i>	<i>Number of patients leaving list to seek private treatment</i>
2013/14	7771	201	262	24
2014/15	9598	243	503	34
2015/16	10897	313	652	52
2016/17	11213	346	1262	74
2017/18	9501	247	2582	71

*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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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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Interim Information Governance Manager