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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (received into our office 18<sup>th</sup> July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures.

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 have a freedom of information request for your organisation. My first three questions are probably best answered by the lead for your Trust's pain service, the last two by your clinical coding department:**

**Does your Trust use a standard pre-designed consent form (or set of consent forms) for any of the spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures listed in the table below? Please specify for which of these procedures such a consent form exists.**

A1 This is not a procedure we deliver at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM)

**Q2 If your Trust does use standard consent forms, please provide me with digital copies of the relevant forms and make clear what procedures each consent form is used for.**

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 Please provide digital copies of any patient information leaflets or guidance about SCS that is given to patients by your Trust.**

A3 Not applicable

**Q4 With reference to your Trust's coding database, please tell me how many of each of the following SCS procedures were performed by your Trust in each of the years 2016 and 2017 – the relevant OPCS 4.x codes are:**

OPCS4.2 Code	OPCS4.3 Code	OPCS4.4 Code	OPCS4.5 Code	OPCS4.6 Code	OPCS4.7 Code	OPCS4.8 Code	Description
A48.3	Insertion of neurostimulator adjacent to						



							spinal cord
A48.4	Attention to neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord NEC						
A48.4	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	Reprogramming of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 Which OPCS coding version (or version of whatever other coding system) is used by your Trust (e.g., OPCS 4.5)?**

A5 The coding version we use is OPCS 4.8 (2017)

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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.

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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,



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**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**