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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st September 2018 (received into our office 3rd September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Wheelchair Services.

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 am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that a differently structured request has been sent to CCGs on this subject; early responses from CCGs have referred me to Trusts. Therefore please do not refer me to CCGs unless for specific questions where only the CCG holds the requested information.

1. Is the Trust a provider of NHS Wheelchair Services?

If the answer to question 1 is "No", the Trust need not respond to the remainder of this request. If the answer to question 1 is "Yes", please respond to question 2. For the remaining questions of this request, if the Trust provides NHS Wheelchair Services under different contracts, please list the requested information for each contract.

A1 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) is not a provider of NHS wheelchair services.

Q2 The name of the CCGs for which the Trust provides NHS Wheelchair Services; when it started providing this service; and when its current contract(s) ends

A2 Not applicable.

Q3 The current eligibility criteria for receiving NHS-funded wheelchairs via the NHS Wheelchair Services provided by the Trust

A3 Not applicable.

Q4 A list of all changes to the eligibility criteria for receiving NHS-funded wheelchairs via the NHS Wheelchair Services provided by the Trust, if those changes were implemented after April 1st 2015; please state not just the new criteria in each case, but also the old criteria that was altered by the change (e.g. 'inability to walk 20m unaided' replacing 'inability to walk 40m unaided')

A4 Not applicable.

Q5 For each change listed in response to question 4, please provide details of any public consultation that was carried out on the change; whether any measures to publicise the consultation were undertaken beyond posting it online; and what responses were received to any such consultation

A5 Not applicable.

Q6 A list of any changes to the eligibility criteria for receiving NHS-funded wheelchairs via the NHS Wheelchair Services provided by the Trust area that are currently being considered, proposed or consulted on.

A6 Not applicable.

*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.

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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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