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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding asthma patients.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in question 2 not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame we are able to supply the following information.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: what did you mean by "treated?" Is this in an emergency setting e.g. come to AE, as an inpatient or in an outpatient clinic?

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 you replied via email the following:

*"Treated is at in or outpatient setting where a patient with asthma required medication because of the asthma."*

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 How many asthma patients aged 18 and over have been treated in the past 3 months [latest 3 months available]**

- A1 There were four hundred and sixty five (465) adult patients seen on outpatient basis (May – Aug 2018) and inpatient basis.
- Q2 How many paediatric asthma treated patients [aged 6-17] have been treated?**
- A2 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.
- Q3 How many severe asthmatic patients [BTS guidelines, step 4 or 5] have been treated?**
- A3 Two hundred and forty three (243) patients in the last 3 months (inpatient and Out Patient Department (OPD)) have been treated for severe asthma.
- Q4 How many severe allergic asthma patients [severe persistent confirmed allergic IgE-mediated asthma OR severe persistent confirmed allergic eosinophilic asthma  
Severe asthma patients treated with:**
- **Omalizumab [Xolair]**
  - **Mepolizumab [Nucala]**
  - **Reslizumab [Cinqaero]**
  - **Benralizumab [Fasenra]**
  - **Other [Please state]**
- A4 Thirty four (34) patients with severe persistent asthma were treated with Omalizumab. None of the other biologicals listed above are administered by the Trust at the present date.
- Six (6) patients were on Mepolizumab.
- Q5 How many paediatric severe asthma patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months?**
- A5 Six (6) paediatric severe asthma patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months.
- Q6 How many chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months?**
- A6 Ten (10) chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months.

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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](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**