



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-328

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Von Willebrand disease.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on a time frame for question 1 and whether you wanted any surgical procedure for question 3.

On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 you replied via email the following:

*“Thank you for the reply to my FOI request, with regards to the clarification questions if you could provide the data for question 1 with the latest 3 months available and for question 3 it can be for any surgical procedure”*

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 regarding Von Willebrand disease, could you please provide me with the following numbers:**

**In your Trust how many patients do you have registered or diagnosed with Von Willebrand disease (VWD)?**

**A1** In the last three months the Trust registered/diagnosed ninety one (91) patients with Von Willebrand disease (VWD).

**Q2 How many patients with Von Willebrand disease (VWD) are currently (in the last 3 months available) being treated with the following?**

Drug	Total
Willfact	
Alphanate	
Willate	
HaemateP	
Voncento	
Other	

A2 Please see below:

Drug	Total
Willfact	0
Alphanate	0
Willate	0
HaemateP	0
Voncento	0
Other	0

**Q3 How many patients with Von Willebrand disease (VWD) in the last 3 months available required to be treated as part of a surgical procedure?**

A3 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers of patients with Von Willebrand disease (VWD) who in the last 3 months available required to be treated as part of a surgical procedure (*as per you clarification can be for any surgical procedure - subset of the discharges in Q1*) as being less than 5.

\*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.

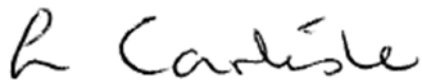
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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**