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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th September 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding public health funerals.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe for the information to be collated.

On 11th September 2018 you replied via email the following:
"01/01/2018 to date."

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 writing to enquire about Public Health Funerals your local authority or NHS Trust have dealt with or are dealing with.

Under the FOI Act 2000 could you provide?

- **Name of deceased**
- **DOB and DOD**
- **Address**
- **If Kin have been found**
- **If the deceased left any estate**

A1 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 information requested, and would therefore 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 for public health funerals for the time frame clarified above: the Trust had six public health funerals, we can confirm that none had left any estate.

Further information may be available by contacting Bona Vacantia at the following email:
info@bonavacantialist.com

*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.

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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