



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th September 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding diagnostic tests and biomarkers.

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 My name is [REDACTED] and I work for a [REDACTED]. We are developing an online resource for cancer patients which aim to help people learn more about the hospitals in their area.

We have gathered lots of data regarding hospitals in English Trusts, and we are now expanding the site into other areas, including haematological cancers. I thought it would be useful to get in touch to see if you'd be able to help me pull together some information about the hospitals in University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.

Part of the website will show patients which diagnostic tests (and therefore biomarkers) are used/available at each hospital. I have attached a list of the available tests and biomarkers, but it would be incredibly helpful if you could let me know which are available at which hospital throughout University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.

I hope you're able to help me with the above – we hope that the site will be a useful resource for patients. If you would like to see the beta version of the site you can find it here [REDACTED]

A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheets that you supplied.

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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.

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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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