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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th September 2018 (received into our office 1st October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding base of thumb arthritis.

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 Please could you send us your current policies for treatment (surgical and/or injection) of base of thumb arthritis including any funding criteria.

A1 This information is not held by the Trust, however, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this and they can be contacted at the following email address:

enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2 Please could you send us any older policies including funding criteria for treatment of base of thumb arthritis from 1998 to present day?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 If not included in the policy what criteria is used to categorise severity of base of thumb arthritis into mild moderate or severe

A3 As answer 1

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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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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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Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance