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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding service suspension.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on who was the originator of the request.

You replied via email the following:

"Thanks for email. Email is from me [REDACTED] written for my intern to send. I hope that clarifies."

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 Between 1/11/2017 and 30/4/2018 have you suspended any acute services because of a shortage of doctors or nurses to staff the service?

If yes:

a) Which services were suspended?

b) How many suspensions have there been?

c) What was the longest period a service was suspended for?

A1 The Trust did not suspend any acute services because of a shortage of doctors or nurses to staff the service between 1/11/2017 and 30/4/2018.

Q2 Between 30/04/2018 and 1/10/2018 have you suspended any acute services because of a shortage of doctors or nurses to staff the service?

If yes:

a) Which services were suspended?

b) How many suspensions have there been?

c) What was the longest period a service was suspended for?

A2 The Trust did not suspend any acute services because of a shortage of doctors or nurses to staff the service between 30/04/2018 and 1/10/2018.

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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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