



**University Hospitals  
of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 23rd October 2018 (received into our office 24th October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems holding patient clinical records. I apologise for the delay in responding.

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 we contact you via email to request a copy of the spread sheet you wish us to complete. Due to cyber security we are unable to download from websites or links.

You replied via email the same day with the required spread sheet.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by:

Nursing Specialities - Maternal-child nursing  
Nursing Specialities - Medical case management

On the same day you replied via email the following:

*"I have no specific system examples for these areas. I am interested to know all IT applications used across the Trust for holding and managing clinical patient data. I had provided the list intended to provide direction, but am aware that some of the specialties/ departments may not be relevant to your Trust. I am not interested in any applications that do not hold or manage patient clinical data"*

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 We are interested to understand the IT applications that University Hospitals of North Midlands are using to manage the clinical records of patients across all departments and specialities listed below my signature. Our request is limited to systems holding patient clinical records as an electronic health record (EHR), and excludes systems such as Patient Administration Systems (PAS), Portals, and other back office corporate systems that are not used by clinicians to handle patient clinical records.. I anticipate that this list of IT applications should be available as part of the Trust's compliance with GDPR. For each system, please list both the system name and the manufacturer or vendor. Where there is an in-house IT application, please provide contact details for the person responsible for this application. To simplify the process we have provided an excel spreadsheet**



A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheet that you supplied. Where blanks are within the spread sheet our asset register does not identify any systems over and above our standard PAS systems.

\*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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