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of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding winter planning

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 As part of their winter planning, Worcestershire Acute Trust has identified that 200 extra beds will be needed this winter to avoid excessively high occupancy rates. I would therefore like to know:**

**a) Has the Trust made any assessment of how many extra beds it will need to cope with demand this winter (and if so, how many)**

A1 The Trust as assessed that the gap for beds is 171

**Q2 Will the Trust be increasing its bed stock as appropriate to meet the increased level of demand?**

A2 Along with local Health and Social Care Partners the Trust is increasing its bed stock to meet the gap. The Trust is increasing its bed stock by 64

**Q3 If so, has this been costed (please include financial estimates where possible/relevant)**

A3 The Capital costs for the 64 beds is £10.532m. There is no revenue cost.

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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**