



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your letter dated 5th November 2018 (received into our office 7th November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding audited accounts.

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 send me a copy of audited accounts for years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

A1 The Trust responded in full to your previous request on 15th August 2018 for audited accounts on reference 298-1819 which answered financial year 2017-18. In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding audited accounts for year 2018-19, but feel this information is exempt under sections 22: *Information for future publication*, and section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This information will be available June 2019 via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhn.nhs.uk/aboutus/How-we-are-doing/Pages/AnnualReportsandAccounts.aspx>

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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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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.

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