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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5th November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding formularies and committees.

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 We would like to request the following information from University Hospitals of North Midlands

1) We understand the CCG/Trust has representation on the following medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees:

- **North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Area Prescribing Committee**

Please confirm if this is correct.

A1 Confirmed as correct.

Q2 Does the CCG/Trust have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

A2 There are Internal Trust prescribing and medicines management committees (UHNM New Medicines Committee, UHNM NICE steering group, UHNM safe medicines committee). There are also a number of working groups within specialties which review prescribing.

In addition we have representation on the North Staffordshire Local Health Economy NICE Implementation Group (HENIG)

Q3 We have the following formularies listed as used by the CCG/Trust:

- **North Staffordshire Joint Formulary**

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide a link/copy of relevant formularies

A3 Confirmed as correct.

Q4 Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area?

A4 UHNM follows the North Staffs Joint Formulary (NSJF). Use of specialist medicines not included in the NSJF will be under internal governance processes (Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) discussion, comparison against existing formulary choices, assessment of impact on services etc.) before a decision to prescribe is made.

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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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