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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding blood grouping analyser.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe for question 5.

You replied via email with the following:

*“Please could you supply this data for the calendar year 2017?”*

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 currently evaluating a new blood grouping analyser in our Trust and would benefit from some feedback from other blood transfusion laboratories. Please could you process this FOI request and pass it on to the appropriate staff?**

**Question 1: Does your Trust have a blood transfusion service? Yes/No**

**If yes, please answer the following questions about your blood group analysers:**

A1 Yes

**Q2 Who is the analyser manufacturer?**

A2 The analyser manufacturer is Immucor

**Q3 What is the make and model type of analyser?**

A3 Please see below:

Royal Stoke University Hospital (RSUH)	2 x Neo and 1 x Echo
County Hospital (Stafford) (CH)	2 x Echo

**Q4 What percentage of false positive results do you see with this analyser for blood grouping and antibody screening? (Only include false positives caused by external contaminants or analyser failures)**

A4 The Trust has very few false positives <0.1%

**Q5 How many group and screen samples do you test per year?**

A5 69,006 (split 92% at RSUH and 8% CH)

**Q6 Do you provide electronic issue of red cells?**

A6 Yes

**Q7 Do you provide automated cross matching using your analysers?**

A7 No, but we are currently validating/reviewing the procedure.

**Q8 Do you have an agreed blood ordering schedule?**

A8 Yes

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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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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**