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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding non-small cell lung cancer.

On 5th November 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on whether you are requiring information for just newly diagnosed patients during this period or all patients on treatment?

On 14th November 2018 you replied via email with the following:
“Please can you supply data for all patients please, not just newly diagnosed?”

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 are conducting a piece of research into Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we would like to request the information contained in the attached document.

Please see template attached for your completion. Please note the updated time period – July 2018 to September 2018 inclusive.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not require any information that may identify individual patients, clinicians or pharmacists or that may otherwise be categorised as personal data.

A1 We are unable to provide some of the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers. Please refer to the attached document that you supplied.

*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.

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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