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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Rheumatoid Arthritis.

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 Within your Trust how many patients do you have diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis?**

A1 None, this service is carried out by Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

They can be contacted at the following email address: [enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk)

**Q2 How many Rheumatoid Arthritis patients have had an IFR [Individual Funding Request] put in for them to have an advanced treatment (i.e. biologic or JAK inhibitor) in the past 12 months?**

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 How many patients do you have diagnosed with moderate Rheumatoid Arthritis? [moderate is defined within the guidelines as patients with a DAS score of between 3.2 and 5.1]**

A3 Not applicable

**Q4 How many moderate Rheumatoid Arthritis patients have had an IFR [Individual Funding Request] put in for them to have an advanced treatment (i.e. biologic or JAK inhibitor) in the past 12 months?**

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 How many moderate Rheumatoid Arthritis patients have been granted an IFR request for an advanced treatment (i.e. biologic or JAK inhibitor) in the past 12 months?**

A5 Not applicable

**Q6 If possible, please state the number of patients and the name of an advanced treatment (i.e. biologic or JAK inhibitor) provided**

A6 Not applicable

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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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