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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding compression hosiery.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the specific products you are referring to? UHNM does not have an ordering category of "hosiery"

On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 you replied via email with the following:

*"By compression hosiery we intend vascular therapy lymphoedema garments, for example knee high compression hosiery. Suppliers may include Medi UK, BSN or Activa (L and R). It may be that the Trust does not stock these articles and that patients are discharged with a prescription request to be issued by their GP. Hope this helps."*

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 I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. I would appreciate the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form in respect of the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust:**

**Please provide figures for total spend on compression hosiery in 2017**

A1 The Trust has no usage data for compression hosiery, as clarified above.

**Q2 Which route do you use to purchase these items? NHS Supply Chain or direct from manufacturer?**

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 Which departments deliver the garments to the patients? E.g. Outpatients, vascular etc.**

A3 Not applicable

\*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.

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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,



Leah Carlisle  
**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**