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of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (received into our office 11<sup>th</sup> January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding pressure ulcers.

In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied/received a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request. I have attached the 3 requests that you have submitted – all are identical therefore the Trust will be responding once.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in question 6 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health/death records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health/death records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health/death records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

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 am writing to make another open request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please send me:**

**The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/11/2017 and 01/11/2018**

- **Emergency**
- **Day Case**
- **Elective**
- **Grand Total**



A1 Please see below:

Daycase	89607
Elective	14048
Non Elective	94846
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>198501</b>

**Q2 Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/11/2017 and 01/11/2018**

A2 The Trust uses an incident management system called “Datix” and the number of inpatients with pressure ulcers recorded in Datix regardless of where acquired is 2109 for the time period requested.

**Q3 Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/11/2017 and 01/11/2018**

- **Grade 1**
- **Grade 2**
- **Grade 3**
- **Grade 4**
- **Necrotic**
- **Purple Discoloration**

A3 The number of graded pressure ulcer incidents recorded in Datix for inpatients regardless of where acquired:

- Grade 1 = 480
- Grade 2 = 1627
- Grade 3 = 419
- Grade 4 = 111

**Q4 The proportion of these pressure sores that were new, and had therefore occurred since admission to hospital**

A4 The proportion of pressure ulcers which were hospital acquired recorded in Datix for inpatients is as follows:

- Grade 1 = 33%
- Grade 2 = 15%
- Grade 3 = 33%
- Grade 4 = 2%

**Q5 The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure sores.**

A5 The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure ulcers recorded in Datix is 335

**Q6 The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned**

A6 Section 12 exemption as detailed above. Or not held try-----  
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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.



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Yours,

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