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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 (received into our office on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Sepsis CQUIN data.

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 on behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sepsis and the UK Sepsis Trust to submit a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**What best describes your organisation? Please place an X next to the appropriate answer.**

- **Acute District General Hospital**
- **Acute Tertiary centre**
- **Specialist tertiary centre**
- **Private hospital**

A1 UHNM is a University Teaching Trust

**Q2 Do you submit Sepsis CQUIN data?**

**Yes/No**

A2 Yes

**Q3 a) Are you using NEWS2 in your organisation?**

**Yes/No**

**b) If not, are you in the process of transitioning to NEWS2?**

**Yes/No**

A3 NEWS 2 is being used at UHNM

**Q4 What sepsis screening prompt is used? Please place an X next to all that apply.**

- **Suspicion of Infection +**
- **NEWS2**
- **NEWS**
- **MEWS or equivalent**
- **SIRS**
- **Health care professional concern**
- **Clinical or carer concern**

A4 At UHNM we utilise a mix of the above: NEWS2, Healthcare Professional Concern as well as the Clinical or carer concern

**Q5 What treatment prompt is used? Please place an X next to all that apply.**

- **NEWS of 5 + Clinical Judgement (Senior review)**
- **Red Flag Sepsis**
- **Full NICE sepsis criteria**
- **Sepsis 3 (quick SOFA)**
- **Sepsis 2 (SIRS criteria + organ dysfunction)**

A5 At UHNM we use a combination of:

- NEWS of 5 + Clinical Judgement (Senior review)
- Red Flag Sepsis
- Full NICE sepsis criteria

**Q6 What treatment pathway is used?**

- a) **Sepsis 6**
- b) **SSC guidelines**

A6 At UHNM we utilise Sepsis 6

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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.

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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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