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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13th March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding knife injuries.

On 14th March 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the following: What did you mean by knife injury? Are you referring to accidents in the home? We also require a timeframe for Q3 and what are you referring to as an attack?

On 19th March 2019 you replied via email the following:
“Re knife injury, I am referring to knife injuries caused by acts of violence. For question 3 the time frame is since 2013, and by attack I mean a physical assault”.

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 Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries in your Trust since 2013? Can you give a break down by age and sex?

A1 None

Q2 Over the same period can you tell me how many staff while at work in Trust hospitals have been threatened with a knife or similar sharp object, or attacked by people using knives or similar sharp object?

A2 22

Q3 How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital?

A3 None, there have been no physical attacks – (where the definition of a physical attack is:

“The intentional application of force against the person of another without lawful justification, resulting in physical injury or personal discomfort.”)

Q4 How many times have police been called to hospitals in the Trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present?

A4 Information not held.

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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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