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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 (received into our office 4<sup>th</sup> February) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding knife injuries.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 How many people have been treated for serious knife injuries (those which require stitches or worse)?**

**Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries**

A1 Please see below: note that information prior to 2017 is not held.

- 2017 = 0
- 2018 = 1

We are unable to provide the information you require ( ages) as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can give total for years requested.

**Q2 How many people have been treated for life threatening knife injuries?**

**Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries**

A2 None

**Q3 How many people have been treated for multiple knife injuries in the same attack?**

**Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 How many people have been treated for gun/ bullet injuries?**

**Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries**

A4 None

\*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,



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