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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding night time discharges.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on whether you meant discharges from inpatient wards or Assessment Units?

On 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 you replied via email the following:  
*"I would like to receive the information about inpatient wards."*

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 Please could you tell me how many patients were discharged from hospitals during the night (11pm to 6am) in?**  
**a) 2017 (January-December)**  
**b) 2018 (January-December)**

A1 Please see below: numbers below are as per your above clarification

- 2017 = 503
- 2018 = 548

\*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**