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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5th February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Brexit Planning.

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 What is the name of?

- a) Your Trust
- b) The hospitals run by your Trust

A1 Please see below:

- a) University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM)
- b) Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford)

Q2 Has your Trust produced a report looking at the impact on your Trust and its operations in relation to the possibility of a 'no-deal' Brexit (EU exit) in March? If yes, please attach the report(s).

A2 The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The Trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In addition, the Trust is applying section 29(1)(a)(b) financial/economic interests of any administration in the United Kingdom

Q3 Is your Trust currently undertaking any preparations/arrangements in relation to a no-deal Brexit in March? If yes, please give details or attach any reports produced by the Trust which looks at the impact/preparations/arrangements.

A3 As answer 2

Q4 Has the Trust undertaken any reviews or risk assessments into the following areas that could be affected by a no-deal Brexit? If yes, please give details or attach reports.

- a) Supply of medicines and vaccines
- b) Supply of medical devices and clinical consumables
- c) Supply of non-clinical consumables, good and services

- d) Workforce
- e) Reciprocal healthcare
- f) Research and clinical trials

A4 As answer 2

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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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