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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding volume and cost of anaesthetic agents.

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 I am writing to ask about gaseous and intravenous anaesthetic agents used across your Trust. In particular, I would like to know the total volume and total amount spent individually for EACH of the following agent's sevoflurane, desflurane, isoflurane, nitrous oxide, and propofol PER YEAR between 2006 and 2018 as shown below:

Total (annual) volume purchased for EACH agent (incl. sevoflurane, desflurane, isoflurane, nitrous oxide, and propofol) PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).

A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheet that you supplied. Please note that "blanks" on the spread sheet = information not held.

Q2 Total (annual) volume used for EACH agent PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Total (annual) amount spent on EACH agent PER YEAR for 2006-2108 (in pounds sterling).

If it is easier to provide another unit of measure, please provide details so that I can calculate the volume. Also, please state whether the total amount spent includes or excludes VAT.

If not violating commercial sensitivity, please also include who the manufacturers/suppliers are.

A3 As answer 1

*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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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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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