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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding deaths of patients with a learning disability and serious incidents.

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 Please would you provide the following information?

1) The number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that occurred in the last three years (by years defined as 1/4/16 - 31/3/17, 1/4/17 - 31/3/18, 1/4/18 to present).

A1 Please see below:

- April 2016 to March 2017 = information is not held
- April 2017 to March 2018 = 29 Deaths
- April 2018 to March 2019 = 17 Deaths

Q2 The number of deaths of patients with a learning disability reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in the last three years (defined as above)

A2 Thirty Three (33) out of the forty six (46) patients who died during the time period requested had an incident recorded on the Trust incident management system "Datix" and were reported to the NRLS. (please note this was not the death reported as the incident)

Q3 The number of deaths of patients with a learning disability reported as an incident on the Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS) in the last three years (defined as above)

A3 UHNM had no incidents that were reported on the Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS)

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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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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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