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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cyber-attacks.

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 I work for [REDACTED] the trusted global expert in secure data storage solutions. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information from your IT department.**

**We are conducting research on the protection of data stored within the public sector and wish to know the following:**

**How many cloud data breaches have occurred within your organisation in 2019 and 2020?**

A1 Release of this information potentially puts the Trust at risk and therefore is exempted under section 24(1) which states “Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if the exemption from section 1(1) (b) 2 is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.” Furthermore withholding this information is also supported by the Freedom of Information Amendment (Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence) Act 2004

**Q2 How many cyber-attacks have occurred within your organisation in 2019 and 2020?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 How many ransom ware attacks have occurred within your organisation in 2019 and 2020?**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 How many data loss incidents have occurred as a result of lost or stolen devices storing your organisation’s data (such as USB flash drives, Hard Drives, Solid State Drives, mobile phones or laptops) within your organisation in 2019 and 2020?**

**Please split any data supplied separately for 2019 and 2020.**

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.

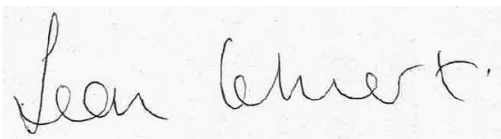
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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