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Date: 30th March 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding our response on medical negligence claims

*You emailed with the following query:
'Apologies for the slow reply.'*

Does this mean that one of your hospitals' received 104 medical negligence claims and the other received 0?

Please can you confirm?'

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 request the following information as per the Freedom of Information Act.

I am asking for the number of medical negligence claims made against the individual NHS hospitals within your Trust in the last full year. I require the following details within the information you provide:

- **Hospital name**
- **Trust name**
- **Year of data**
- **Number of admissions**
- **Number of hospital beds**
- **Number of negligence claims received**
- **Number of Letters of Claims received**
- **How many SIRI / RCA / Serious Incident reports have you prepared**
- **Number of claims settled**
- **Amount of compensation paid out**
- **Does the hospital have a maternity ward?**
- **Gender of claimants % (male/female/other)**

I have attached a spread sheet detailing all of the information we need in the correct format. Please could all the information be added to this spread sheet

A1 We have approached NHR who have supplied new data. Refer to the amended attached spread sheet which shows that there were 104 claims in total, 85 of which were for Royal Stoke and 19 were for County Hospital.

*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.

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

Yours,



University Hospitals
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