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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 26th May 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Formularies and Committees.

Under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name? Once we have received this we will continue to process your request. If we do not hear from you within the next two months we will assume you no longer require this information and will close your request.

On 8th June 2023 you replied via email with your name

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 We would like to request the following information from University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

1) We understand the ICS/Trust has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:

- **North Staffordshire Area Prescribing Committee**
- **South Staffordshire Area Prescribing Group**

Please confirm if this is correct.

If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

A1 This is not correct. These groups have been redeveloped and now known as the integrated medicines optimisation group (IMOG).

Q2 Does the Organisation have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

A2 Specifically in relation to system formulary groups, the Trust also has representation on the Health Economy Nice Implementation Group and the New Medicines Committee.

Q3 We have the following formularies listed as used by the Organisation:

- **North Staffordshire Joint Formulary**
- **South Staffordshire Joint Formulary**

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide online link(s)/copy of relevant formularies.

A3 This is correct.

Q4 Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the relevant formulary of the Organisation.

A4 The North and South Staffordshire formularies are historic arrangements and work is being undertaken to align these formularies. There is no dominant formulary as future decisions will appear on both formulary pages.

Q5 If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?

A5 We have an online platform to provide the formulary functions

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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 671612.

Yours,



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