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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Laboratories

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 we contacted you via email as we require clarification on what you are referring to for:

Reproductive Medicine
Medical
Physical Medicine
Rehab

On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 you replied via email with:

*'Thank you for your email regarding clarification, hopefully this explanation covers all points raised. To clarify Modality refers to the type of Lab for e.g Pathology or Neurology. Specialism refers to main service within for example chemistry, toxicology, hematology, urinalysis. A Quality Management (Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) is a standardized procedure and practice contributing to the overall quality of laboratory test results) A Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) is a comprehensive framework of processes, procedures, and practices implemented within a laboratory to ensure overall quality. It involves systematic planning, control, and monitoring of all activities within the laboratory to comply with regulatory requirements, maintain reliable results.'*

*If the departments I have listed are not recognised within the Trust setting please could you leave blank or amend with a department that utilises a Laboratory setting.'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you answer the following questions**

- 1. List of all Laboratories within Pathology to include**
  - **Modality / Specialism**
  - **Laboratory Name**

Laboratory Name	Modality / Specialism

A1 See below:

Laboratory Name	Modality / Specialism
North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service (NMCPS): RSUH / County	Biochemistry (RSUH/County)
NMCPS	Blood Bank (RSUH/County)
NMCPS	Haematology (RSUH/County)
NMCPS	Histology RSUH only
NMCPS	Immunology RSUH only
NMCPS	Microbiology RSUH Only
NMCPS	Virology RSUH Only

Q2 For each of the following departments please specify the tool used for Quality Management (Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) is a standardized procedure and practice contributing to the overall quality of laboratory test results) to include

- Is the tool is manual or Digital
- Installation date / Expiry date

Department	Quality Management Tool name	Digital or Manual	Installation date	Expiry /Renewal date
Pathology				
Radiology				
Pharmacy				
Reproductive Medicine				
Medical				
Physical Medicine				
Rehab				
Operation Theatre				

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Department	Quality Management Tool name	Digital or Manual	Installation date	Expiry /Renewal date
Pathology	Q-pulse (Ideagen)	Digital	Pre 2012	30.1.2024 (annual extension)
Radiology	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Pharmacy	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Reproductive Medicine	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Medical	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Physical Medicine	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Rehab	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Operation Theatre complex	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Pathology = Both

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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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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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