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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding parameters

On 13<sup>th</sup> October we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification what area of surgery you are referring to as there can be many different types of guidelines depending on what is required

16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 you replied via email with:

*'To begin with I would like to know the parameters for prolapse surgery and hernia surgery with possible blockage and I will contact you again regarding further issues'*

We replied via email on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 with:

Thankyou for your email below, however we are still unable to answer your request until we receive full clarification:

For example:

what you refer to as prolapsing? If it was a womb it would be Gynae for example or it could be another area.

On the same day you replied via e mail with:

*'It is urogynaecology, difficulty emptying the bladder leading to UTI after UTI constantly with antibiotics fortnightly ,Unable to sleep, up all night passing urine and pain'*

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 am requesting some information under the freedom of information act The information I am requesting is what parameters are the UNH of North Midlands working under for treatments and surgery and avoidance of surgical interventions ie Age, health and any other criteria, including delay tactics**



A1 Please see our divisional response below:

All urogynaecology cases are seen in the clinic. If surgery is deemed necessary, then they are discussed at the urogynaecology MDT. We do not decide on age alone but on the likelihood of success in improving symptoms. Each case is considered separately taking into account, past medical history, fitness for surgery, likelihood of success of surgery.  
We advise that if this in relation to a particular patient they contact their surgeon/ Doctor.

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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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Yours,



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