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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Decontamination of VOLK Lenses

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 you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

How do you decontaminate your VOLK Lenses?

A1 In reference to the Volk Lenses used for laser and for gonioscopy (a clinical examination). These are wiped clean, soaked in Milton for 15 minutes and then rinsed in saline before being used on the next patient.

The other Volk Lenses used in the department do not touch the patient and are an examination lens. These are not decontaminated in any formal way, however, the lenses would be cleaned with a lens cloth as required and the lens housing would be cleaned with a sterile wipe as required.

Q2 What products do you use?

A2 See below:

Milton
Saline
Virusolve
Paper Towels
Lens Cloth

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Yours,



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