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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding wound care

On 29th November 2023 we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification on what you mean by wound care resources?

On 4th December 2023 you replied via email with:

'So just to clarify, the information I require is how many different types of dressings are ordered in So in the community there is every type of dressings and I would like to compare how many different types of dressings are being ordered into the trust.

How many primary dressings?

How many secondary dressings are there?

How many staff are trained to do compression bandaging?'

As of 1st 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 I am [REDACTED]. I am doing a business report trying to improve healthcare innovations. My topic is regarding wound care resources, and how many wound care resource there are within the hospital, in comparison to the community where there are all types of different resources to best dress wounds.

If this possible I would please like to know how many DIFFERENT TYPES of wound care resources are being ordered into the Hospital..

A1 There are 6 primary dressings excluding antimicrobials, in addition there are 3 secondary dressings. Compression competency is being introduced into the Trust and we now have 2 wards who are able to continue compression. Typically, Acute Trusts do not reapply compression in general areas.

Q2 Also, if you could give me information regarding how staff are being trained to do different types of bandaging such as compression and how you would possibly know this is effective

A2 We have a lower limb champion group which focuses on all aspects of the lower limb management and uses key stakeholders to deliver the training. Compression competencies are being introduced one area at a time by Tissue Viability and industry to ensure safety is upheld.

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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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Yours,



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