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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Consultant Neurologists

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 Consultant Neurologists

Please may I have the contact details for the Secretaries to the above? Also, if possible the Consultant Neurologists that the secretaries work for and the consultants email addresses?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding Consultant Neurologists, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/our-services/neurosciences/>
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/our-services/neurosurgery/>

For the contact details for the Secretaries

The exemption which has been relied upon is section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with regards to the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the individual. The disclosure of this information is subject to balancing the legitimate interest to disclose against the rights of the individuals. Upon balancing these two factors, we have found that the rights of the individual outweigh the legitimate interest to disclose. Therefore, it would be unfair to the data subject if this information is disclosed. The disclosure of the name, job title, telephone number and email address would not add anything further to this request for information. Furthermore, it would be unfair to disclose the name, job title, telephone number and

email address of the individual to the general public. The individual would expect a right to privacy. They would only expect that their name, job title, telephone number and email address are disclosed to the relevant people in connection with Trust business and also in relation to the discharge of the responsibilities involved in their post. It would not be reasonable to disclose their name, job title, telephone number and email address to the general public. Furthermore, the release of this information may also lead to a greater number of unsolicited correspondence. The first condition under section 40(3A) has been contravened as it would not be fair to disclose the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the individual. Therefore, the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the individual, has been withheld.

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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.

Yours,



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