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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 17th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding adhesion barriers.

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 Does the gynaecology surgical team currently use an adhesion barrier during laparoscopic, hysteroscopy or minimal-access surgery?

A1 The Trust use Gynaecare Interceed sheets and Tisseal on a patient-by-patient basis

Q2 Do the colorectal surgeons currently use an adhesion barrier during laparoscopic surgery?

A2 No

Q3 If an adhesion barrier is currently used by either the gynaecological or colorectal surgeons, could you advise whether one of the following products is in use?

Adept – manufactured by Baxter surgery
Seprafilm – manufactured by Sanofi Biosurgery
Gynecare Interceed – manufactured by Ethicon (Johnson & Johnson)
Hyalobarrier – manufactured by Anika Therapeutics

A3 Gynaecare Interceed for gynaecology surgeons, this is not applicable for colorectal surgeons

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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