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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 31st March 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding intra-operative cell salvage.

**The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.**

**We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.**

**The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Which sites within the Trust perform intra-operative cell salvage procedures?**

A1 Cell savers are present at County and at RSUH. Within RSUH cell salvage is available 24/7 for maternity, vascular, cardiac, neurosurgery, trauma and general surgery.

**Q2 Which sites within the Trust perform post-operative cell salvage procedures?**

A2 When carried out post procedural cell salvage is predominantly carried out at RSUH hub recovery



**Q3 What are the name, contact details and the job title of the lead for cell salvage within either the Trust or at each site within the Trust if no single person has such responsibility?**

A3 Lead for cell salvage is Dr Charles Baker\*, Consultant Anaesthetist. All Trust emails are in the following format: [firstname.lastname@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@uhn.nhs.uk)

**Q4 How many cell salvage procedures were performed in 2021?**

A4 We do not currently have robust enough data to identify all the procedures that were undertaken but believe it to be in the region of 595 for the period 2021 (January to December)

We are unable to differentiate between intra-operative and post-operative procedures.

**Q5 Which cell salvage apparatus (make, model and quantities and location) are currently used in sites performing cell salvage within the Trust?**

A5 See below:

- Haemonetics UK LTD
- Cell Saver Elite
- Royal x 9
- County x 2
  
- Sorin Group
- XtrA 75220
- Royal x 3

**Q6 Which surgical specialties perform cell salvage (eg cardiac, orthopaedics etc)?**

A6 We do not currently have robust enough data to identify all the procedures that were undertaken but believe it to be in the region of 35 + 560 cardiac

- General Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Spinal Surgery Service
- Trauma & Orthopaedics
- Neurosurgery
- Paediatric Trauma And Orthopaedics
- Obstetrics
- Cardiac Surgery

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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.

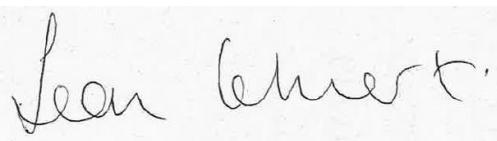
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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**Data, Security & Protection Manager**