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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding private patient enquiries.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Number of private patient enquiries received monthly for the financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18 for children aged 0-16**

A1 Information not held.

**Q2 How many of these enquiries are converted into patient appointments monthly for the financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18 for children aged 0-16**

A2 Please refer to the table below: information for 2013/14 not held.

2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
April	3	April	3	April	2	April	0
May	4	May	8	May	0	May	2
June	1	June	6	June	4	June	3
July	2	July	7	July	7	July	4
August	3	August	3	August	8	August	3
September	3	September	7	September	5	September	8
October	5	October	9	October	6	October	4
November	5	November	1	November	6	November	0
December	8	December	1	December	0	December	4
January	2	January	1	January	4	January	6
February	3	February	5	February	5	February	5
March	3	March	3	March	3	March	1



**Q3 Volume of private patients treated as outpatient / inpatient monthly for the financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18 for children aged 0-16 by speciality**

A3 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low monthly numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers by speciality per year. Please refer to the table below: (information for 2013/14 not held)

2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
ENT	9	ENT	10	ENT	2	ENT	2
General surgery	3	General surgery	4	General surgery	3	General surgery	5
Pathology	12	Pathology	12	Pathology	10	Pathology	0
Imaging	10	Imaging	14	Imaging	16	Imaging	4
Respiratory	2	Respiratory	0	Respiratory	0	Respiratory	0
Medicine	1	Medicine	0	Medicine	0	Medicine	0
Orthopaedics	2	Orthopaedics	1	Orthopaedics	0	Orthopaedics	0
Dermatology	3	Dermatology	0	Dermatology	0	Dermatology	0
Specialised surgery	0	Specialised surgery	5	Specialised surgery	1	Specialised surgery	0
Orthodontics	0	Orthodontics	2	Orthodontics	13	Orthodontics	24
Neuro physiology	0	Neuro physiology	2	Neuro physiology	2	Neuro physiology	0
Ophthalmology	0	Ophthalmology	1	Ophthalmology	1	Ophthalmology	2
Paediatrics	0	Paediatrics	3	Paediatrics	1	Paediatrics	0
Cardio surgery	0	Cardio surgery	0	Cardio surgery	1	Cardio surgery	2
Urology	0	Urology	0	Urology	0	Urology	1

**Q4 Are you a member of PHIN?**

A4 The Trust is a member of PHIN

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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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