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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding services for pelvic radiation disease.

On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 you replied via email with the following:

*"I'm sorry for the delay in getting back to you. The annual caseload would be for the last year you have records for, so maybe 2019 calendar year or 2018-19 financial year depending on how you record and report.*

*We are looking for a rough figure so we can see, basically, where services are available and where they are not".*

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 Does your Trust you have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?**

**a. If so, please give details of:**

- I. The clinic(s) name and opening times**
- II. Annual caseload**
- III. The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology**
- IV. The proportion of patients referred from their GP**

A1 UHNM does not have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer.

**Q2 Does your oncology team have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?**

A2 No

**Q3 Does your radiotherapy centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?**

- A3 Patients are fully consented with information about acute, chronic, early and late effects before they are consented for radiotherapy. Further information is given verbally and is supported with written Macmillan information.
- Q4 Does your radiotherapy centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide?**
- A4 Information is given verbally and is supported with written Macmillan information.
- Q5 Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Pelvic Radiation Disease'?** [https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease\\_tcm9-300557.pdf](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf)
- A5 Information not held

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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.

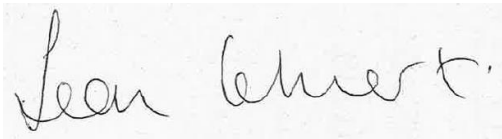
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**