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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding winter power cuts

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 Prior to October 2022, did you have a written plan in the event of a loss of power for the hospital(s) overseen by the Trust? What did this entail?

A1 The Plan is formulated in accordance with design considerations recommended by “Health Technical Memorandum 06-01 Part A” which is the best practice for the NHS

The hospital can run indefinitely on generated power on agreed essential services

Q2 How long can the hospital(s) run on back-up power?

A2 No alterations made.

Q3 Have you re-examined those plans and / or made any alterations for this winter?

A3 No alterations made.

Q4 What have you changed?

A4 Run on Standby generators in accordance with “Health Technical Memorandum 06-01 Part A

Q5 What are your plans for hospitals if there are regular three-hour power cuts with advanced warning this winter, as warned by the National Grid?

A5 We have sufficient backup power systems to continue with BAU

Q6 Under what scenario would the hospital(s) be forced to close as a result of power outages this winter?

A6 Not Applicable

Q7 What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a power outage with advance warning?

A7 Not Applicable, it is not within our remit to advise other Hospitals

Q8 What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a sudden loss of power?

A8 Not Applicable, it is not within our remit to advise other Hospitals.

Q9 In the event of a sustained nationwide loss of power, have you contacted any other organisations to see if you can draw on their backup generation?

A9 No

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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.

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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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