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NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding children treated on adult wards and vice versa.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual departmental records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all departmental records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all departmental records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

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 On how many occasions has a child (under the age of 18) been treated on an adult ward during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please detail how long the child remained on the adult ward, what treatment they received and why they were treated on an adult ward (e.g. staffing shortages).**

A1 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

**Q2 On how many occasions has an adult been treated on a children's ward during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please detail how long the adult remained on the children's ward, what treatment they received and why they were treated on a children's ward (e.g. staffing shortages).**

A2 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

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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.

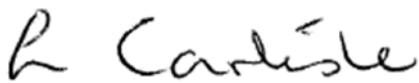
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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,



Leah Carlisle  
**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**