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Date: 3rd February 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 31st January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding plasma thawer.

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 1st 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 make(s) and model(s) of plasma thawer are currently used within pathology/transfusion departments in the Trust?

A1 See below:

- Barkey Plasmatherm
- Plasma Thawer LPTU0008
- Helmer Plasma Thawer DH4

Q2 What was the purchase date of each plasma thawer?

A2 See below:

- February 2012
- July 2012
- November 2014
- April 2018

Q3 Which hospitals within the Trust currently use plasma thawers?

A3 Both Sites

Q4 The name and contact details of the Transfusion Department Head/ Senior Manager

A4 Rebecca Sivers*- please note that all Trust emails are in the following format.
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*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

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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