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## Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding 2017/18 annual report and accounts.

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 Could we please request a copy of your 2017/18 annual report and accounts?
  - Alternatively, could you please advise when they will be made publicly available?
- A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding 2017/18 annual report and accounts, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Documents/AnnualReportsAndAccounts/180604%202017-18%20Annual%20Report%20FINAL%20APPROVED.pdf

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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,

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**Interim Information Governance Manager**