Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/204

Date: 3rd August 2018

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8th July 2018 (received into our office 9th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding deficit at year end.

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   Under the Freedom of Information Act, may I please request the following information for the last five years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13) for each of the following:

1.   **Level of deficit at year end**
2.   **External consultancy services spend**
3.   **Breakdown of consultancy spend by all sectors e.g. health management consultancy, digital health consultancy, environment consultancy etc.**

If the data could be sent in an ODS and Excel file that would be most appreciated

A1   Please refer to the table below:

Level of deficit at year end	below are the adjusted retained surplus/(deficit) figures that were reported in the annual accounts: £000's 2012/13 235 2013/14 (19,301) 2014/15 3,782 2015/16 (26,936) 2016/17 (27,773) This information is also available on the Trust's internet site: http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/pages/AboutUs.aspx
External consultancy services spend	£m 2012/13 £1.541m 2013/14 £5.033m 2014/15 £7.274m 2015/16 £1.095m

	2016/17 £5.768m					
Breakdown of consultancy spend by all sectors e.g. health management consultancy, digital health consultancy, environment consultancy etc.	An assumption has been made as to the sector based on the directorate / division where the spend has been recorded (e.g. ICT consultancy has been assumed to be Digital Health Consultancy) see below:					

Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Health Management Consultancy	1,258	4,771	6,472	888	5,513
Digital Health Consultancy	121	219	456	83	184
Environment Consultancy	162	42	346	124	71
Total	**1,541**	**5,033**	**7,274**	**1,095**	**5,768**

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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 676474.

Yours,

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