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of North Midlands  
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (received into our office 21<sup>st</sup> September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the administration of IV drugs.

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 we contacted you via email as we required a time frame for the information to be collated.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 (received into our office 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018) you replied via email with the following:

*"I'm not sure if your Trust uses a single checking practice, but if so i would be interested in the data gathered from at least the last two years to present".*

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 Does your critical care unit double check or single check IV drug administrations?**

A1 At the Trust it is the critical care unit policy to double check all IV medications administered within general Critical Care

**Q2 If single checking is the practice within your Trust, have there been any increases in drug errors/near misses?**

A2 Not applicable.

\*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](http://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,



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