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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding negligence claims

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 I request the following information for each of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 separately?

1. **How many cases of clinical negligence/misdiagnosis were there across the Trust?**
 - a) **Of these, how many patients died as a direct result of negligence or misdiagnosis?**
 - b) **How much did the Trust pay out for clinical negligence/misdiagnosis claims in total?**
 - c) **What was the largest sum paid out to a claimant?**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding clinical negligence/misdiagnosis, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the following website: NHS Resolution <https://resolution.nhs.uk/>

Q2 How many claims has the Trust handled in relation to delayed sepsis diagnosis/misdiagnosis/negligence?

- a) **Of these, under whose care/which discipline was the patient, i.e. A&E/ICU/urology etc. (if this exceeds the scope of the FOI request please omit)**
- b) **What was the patient outcome for each of the sepsis-related claims, including patient death as a result of misdiagnosis/negligence/delay in diagnosis?**
- c) **What was the settlement figure for each claim, broken down by compensation paid to the claimant and compensation paid for defence costs?**

A2 As answer 1, however we can confirm that over the time frame requested, we are aware of three on-going cases relating to sepsis

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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.

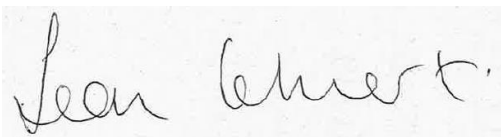
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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