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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 27th October 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding trolley purchases.

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 I would like to enquire as to whether or not University Hospitals of North Midlands has plans to purchase new patient trolleys in the current financial year, and if yes, for which departments please?

To clarify, I am referring to resus/trauma trolleys, patient transfer trolleys, and short stay ward trolleys/beds.

A1 The purchase of Trolleys within UHNM is a continual piece of work with areas highlighting any Trolley requiring for an area of for urgent replacement ad hoc throughout the year.

Currently there are no business cases approved for funding by the Trust for Trolleys with no definite numbers/areas/leads that are yet identified. This is a continual process with Capital finance/planning team on funding required as and when needed, with replacements/new wards/winter pressures.

Therefore, there are no definitive funds/plans to purchase trolleys.

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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.

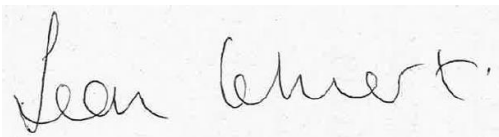
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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