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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th September 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Viscosupplementation. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

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 Does your Trust cover more than one hospital please could you provide the following information for each of the hospitals covered under your trust broken down hospital by hospital?

Viscosupplementation

Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?

A1 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM). Does not use/perform Viscosupplementation injections.

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this data and they can be contacted at the following email address: enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2 How much has your organisation spent in the financial year 2017/18 on Viscosupplementation on each product out of the following list:

- Arhtrum H
- Cingal
- Durolane
- Euflexxa
- Fermathron
- Orthovisc
- Ostenil
- Ostenil Plus
- RenehaVis
- Suplasyn
- Synocrom
- Synocrom Mini,

- Synolis
- Monovisc
- Synopsis
- Synvisc (Hylan G-F20),
- Synvisc ONE (Hylan G-F20)

A2 As answer 1.

Q3 Which brand(s) Viscosupplementation have been used in the financial year 2017/18 out of the following list?

- Arhtrum H
- Cingal
- Durolane
- Euflexxa
- Fermathron
- Orthovisc
- Ostenil
- Ostenil Plus
- RenehaVis
- Suplasyn
- Synocrom
- Synocrom Mini
- Synolis
- Monovisc
- Synopsis
- Synvisc (Hylan G-F20)
- Synvisc ONE (Hylan G-F20)

A3 As answer 1.

Q4 Which brand(s) Viscosupplementation do you have listed on the hospital formulary out of the following list:

- Arhtrum H
- Cingal
- Durolane
- Euflexxa
- Fermathron
- Orthovisc
- Ostenil
- Ostenil Plus
- RenehaVis
- Suplasyn
- Synocrom
- Synocrom Mini
- Synolis, Monovisc,
- Synopsis
- Synvisc (Hylan G-F20)
- Synvisc ONE (Hylan G-F20)

A4 As answer 1.

Q5 Which departments in your hospital use Viscosupplementation?

A5 As answer 1.

Q6 What is your current pathway for knee osteoarthritis patients?

A6 The current pathway for knee osteoarthritis patients is referral to the MSK service from the linked general practice. If symptoms are not controlled by the MSK service then they are referred to secondary care. The MSK service uses treatments including analgesics, anti-inflammatories, physiotherapy and weight loss advice amongst others including injections where indicated.

Q7 Do you have a community MSK service, if yes who is that contracted to?

A7 No

Q8 What is the current waiting list for Total Knee Replacement in your organisation for the financial year 2018/19?

A8 The average RTT wait time for Total Knee Replacements is currently at 17 weeks

Q9 How many TKR were carried out in your organisation in the financial year 2017/18

A9 The Trust carried out 618 total knee replacements in the financial year 2017/18

Q10 Did your organisation incur any fines for breach of the Total Knee Replacement waiting list in 2017/18?

A10 Information not held as we don't split this down to sub speciality.

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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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