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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12th December 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sharing arrangements.

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 write to make a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

The questions below are designed to help me and my organisation better understand the scale and scope of requests for information sharing arrangements being made of individual NHS Trusts and their constituent hospitals by research organisations and businesses over the duration of the past 3 financial years.

Specifically, I would like to ask your NHS Trust about any requests to use or access data for commercial or research purposes of which, it is/has been a controller, joint controller or controller in common, in the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 as follows:

The number of requests made in each of the financial years:

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18;

A1 Information not held.

Q2 The percentage of requests that have been accepted, rejected or held pending in each of the financial years;

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18;

A2 Information not held

Q3 A breakdown of the form, size and sector type of the entities that made the requests in each of the financial years:

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18;

A3 Information not held

Q4 A percentage of those successful requests which resulted in the Trust, or its constituent hospitals, entering into a commercial or financial relationship with the requestor or its affiliates in each of the financial years:

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18.

A4 Information not held

Q5 Notwithstanding the above, can the Trust confirm whether it, or one of its constituent hospitals, has entered into a commercial or financial relationship with any of the following entities as a result of the requests made in each of the financial years?

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18?

Google; DeepMind; Sensyne Health; Benevolent AI; Orion Health; IBM;

A5 The Trust does not have any commercial or financial relationship with the above companies.

Q6 Can the Trust supply a copy of the Trust's intellectual policy document/s, if any covering the period 2015-present

A6 Please refer to the attached document

*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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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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