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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data sharing and data skills.

On 7th February 2020 we contacted you via email as we required proof of identity, The FOI Act clearly states that if we suspect that the request has come from a Pseudonym we are entitled to request proof of the person's identity, as provision of a Pseudonym invalidates a request.

Please note:

UHNM's request for identification is in compliance with the Information Commissioner guidance "Recognising a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (section 8) Version 1.2". We would like to draw your attention to paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 22 and 35 of this guidance. <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/receiving-a-request/> and "What makes a valid request?"

On the same day you replied via email with the appropriate proof of identity.

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 For the following questions, I understand data analytics technology to mean software that aggregates and analyses data to identify patterns and deliver insights.

- **Is your hospital part of a multi-agency integrated network that shares data for analysis? If so, please confirm with which agencies you share data (i.e. police, social services, fire services, etc.)**

A1 This is in the process of being established as part of a population health management approach

Q2 Is your hospital part of any of the following networks and, if so, do you share data for analysis with other organisations in this network:

- **Integrated Care Partnership**
- **Integrated Care System**
- **Primary care groups, e.g. GPs**
- **Local Integrated Care Record Exemplars**

- A2 This is in the process of being established as part of a population health management approach
- Q3 If your hospital is part of a multi-agency integrated network that shares data for analysis, does the network conduct analysis for the following use cases:**
- To understand key population health issues
 - To allocate funding for key preventative work
 - To identify vulnerable and high-risk people for support interventions
- A3 This is in the process of being established as part of a population health management approach
- Q4 For the following questions, we define a data literacy programme as a training programme for employees that helps them learn how to read, understand, question and analyse data.**
- Do you have a data literacy programme?
- A4 No
- Q5 If so is the data literacy programme made available to people in the following roles (please confirm for each of the following roles listed): Physician, Nurse, Pharmacist, Management, Accountant/Finance, HR and Recruitment, IT Office, Administrative Assistants, Data analyst/scientist (including roles such as Performance Reporting and Informatics)**
- A5 No

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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.

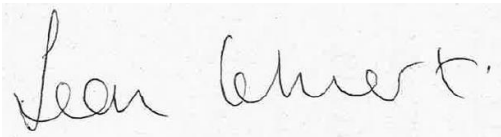
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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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