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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding gynaecologists

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 The number of gynaecologists with expertise in (a) diagnosing and managing endometriosis and (b) training and skills in laparoscopic surgery (as defined in NICE guidance\* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

A1 At UHNM there are two endometriosis specialised gynaecologists who provide both treatment and training in laparoscopic and robotic endometriosis skills.

**Q2 The number of gynaecology specialist nurses with expertise in endometriosis (as defined in NICE guidance\* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

A2 There is one endometriosis specialist nurse.

**Q3 The number of healthcare professionals with an interest in gynaecological imaging (as defined in NICE guidance\* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

\* Endometriosis: diagnosis and management, Page 6, section 1.1.3:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng73/resources/endometriosis-diagnosis-and-management-pdf-1837632548293>

A3 There are four radiology consultants who have expertise in diagnosing endometriosis on MRI.

\*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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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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