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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding dementia.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information.

You replied via email with the following:

*"Data within the past 5 years would be substantial please, thank you."*

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 I'm a third year adult nursing student at Keele University and we've been tasked to write a business report, therefore I'd like to ask you for some statistics and costing information please.**

**How much longer on average do patients living with dementia spend in hospital compared to other patients?**

A1 Information not held however, the general feel is that patients with dementia spend a longer time in hospital, this is generally due to the need to arrange complex wrap around services which should be done closer to home rather than an acute Trust such as UHNM.

**Q2 How much more likely are patients living with dementia to have a fall?**

A2 The FOI Act 2000 is for the release of information that is held/recorded and does not cover the opinions of persons regarding suppliers, systems or procedures, therefore this information is not held.

**Q3 What training do you currently carry out in regards to dementia care?**

A3 Staff have access to an e-learning package that is now considered essential to role for patient facing staff. Additional training is available to the safeguarding champions and other courses such as frailty.

**Q4 How much does the training cost per member of staff?**

A4 Information not held as this is part of the internal training programme.

**Q5 Also, how much would it cost to make a dementia toolkit for wards?**

A5 Information not held as it depends what the toolkit contains. The wards all have RITA devices to support dementia patients and these were approximately £2,000 each.

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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.

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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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