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## Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding video consultations.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 we contacted you via email as your name on your email address and sign off name were different. Note that if we suspect that the request has come from a Pseudonym (false name) we will request proof of identity before processing your request, as provision of a Pseudonym invalidates a request.

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, therefore please can you confirm who you are, as your email name is different form your sign off name, and UHNM needs to be assured of who we are responding to.

On the same day you responded via email(s) with the following:

"I can confirm it is Jade Hindley as stated in my email address."

And in a later email:

"I have not officially changed my name. Please let me know if you need anything else to continue with my request"

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 Please find attached freedom of information request. If you could complete and return back to me that would be much appreciated
- A1 Please refer to the attached document that you supplied.
- \*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx">http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx</a>

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 671612.

Yours,

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**Data, Security & Protection Manager** 

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