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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding stress echocardiograms. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on question 5 and whether you were referring to echo optimisation?

On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 you replied via email the following:  
*"I indeed refer to echo optimisation."*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Stress echocardiogram:**

- How many stress echocardiograms were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
- Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?
- What is the reimbursement amount for a stress echocardiogram?

A1 Please see below:

How many stress echocardiograms were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?	2014 = 804 2015 = 654 2016 = 664 2017= information not currently available
Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?	Please see below:
What is the reimbursement amount for a stress echocardiogram	£178

**Q2 Transthoracic echocardiogram (TTE):**

- How many transthoracic echocardiograms were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
- Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?
- What is the reimbursement amount for a transthoracic echocardiogram?



A2 Please see below:

How many transthoracic echocardiograms were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?	2014 = 11617 2015 = 14247 2016 = 14336 2017 = information not currently available
Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?	Please see below
What is the reimbursement amount for a transthoracic echocardiogram?	£69

**Q4 Contrast echocardiogram:**

- How many contrast echocardiograms were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
- Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?
- What is the reimbursement amount for a contrast echocardiogram?

A4 Please see below:

How many contrast echocardiogram were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.	2014 = information not held 2015 = 190 2016 = 166 2017 = information not currently available
Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?	Please see below
What is the reimbursement amount for a contrast echocardiogram?	£66

**Q4 Pacemaker optimisation (Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy):**

- How many pacemaker optimisations were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
- Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?
- What is the reimbursement amount for a pacemaker optimisation?

A4 Please see below:

How many pacemaker optimisations were performed in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?	2014 = 11 2015 = 3 2016 = 2 2017 = information not available
Would it be possible to get this information per hospital?	Please see below
What is the reimbursement amount for a pacemaker optimisation?	£66

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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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