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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 20th January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding postpone of non-urgent inpatient surgery.

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 In November 2019, Northampton General Hospital Trust announced it was postponing 'some' non-urgent inpatient surgery procedures until the end of March 2020 to free up capacity for emergency care.

1A. In November or December 2019, did your Trust also postpone non-urgent inpatient surgery procedures until March 2020 (or later)?

1B. How many procedures were postponed?

A1 The Winter Capacity Plan for 2019/20 was based on managing both urgent and elective patients. No plans were enacted to the year ending March 2020 that have proactively cancelled elective patients in favour of urgent cases. This applied to both the Royal Stoke and County Hospital sites.

Q2 In November 2019, NHS sources reportedly said that extra funding was being offered this winter to Trusts. Trusts were asked to put forward suggestions and make the case to NHS England for this supplementary money.

2A. Did your Trust put forward a case to NHS England to receive extra funding for the winter period?

2B. What quantity of funding did you ask for?

2C. What purpose did you propose for the funding?

2D. What quantity of winter funding did you receive from NHS England?

A2 Please see below:

2A. Yes.

2B. £421.5k

2C. Pharmacy Chasers, Consultant Connect, ED Transfer Team.
2D. 51K for Pharmacy Chasers.

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If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

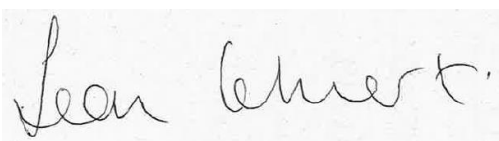
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,





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