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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding surrogacy and intended parents.

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 am writing to you as I need some assistance for a paper I am writing related to the Surrogacy Reform, I need to understand the following;**

**How many ACUTE NHS Trusts in England have a Surrogacy Policy when dealing with pregnant patients which include Surrogates and intended parents?**

A1 The Trust does not currently have a Surrogacy Policy; however, one is being developed and should be available approx. March 2020

**Q2 Those Trusts that do, when it was last updated (month and year)? (As a new essential guideline was released in Feb 2018 and the take up appears to be small (which I want to help correct)).**

A2 Not applicable.

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

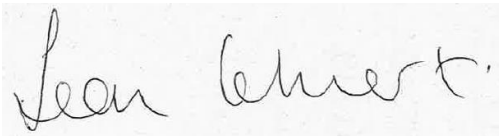
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**