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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding MRI machines.

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 Does your Trust have a process in place for patients who are unable to fit in, or use, an MRI machine but who may need a MRI scan? If so, what is this process?**

A1 UHNM will only accept referrals for patients who are eligible to use the UHNM facilities as per the referrals guidelines

**Q2 Does your Trust send patients who may need an MRI scan who meet the criteria of being unable to use your Trusts' scanners above, to other locations, for example, zoos or research facilities?**

A2 UHNM does not provide this service; it is the responsibility of the referrer.

**Q3 Does your Trust pay other facilities such as zoos or research facilities for the use of their MRI machines? If so, how much did you Trust pay these facilities last financial year (2019-20?)**

A3 No

**Q4 If applicable, how many patients have needed an MRI in facilities provided in places other than your Trust last year? Please provide the location and reason for this.**

A4 None

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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.

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

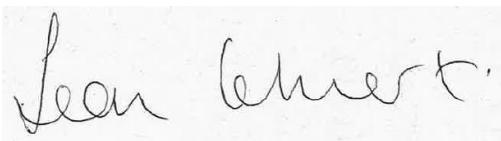
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**