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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th June 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patients receiving life support. I apologise for the delay in responding.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on question 2.

You replied via email the following:

"That is the total cost of keeping them on life support."

On 27th June 2018 we contacted you via email as we required further clarification on your meaning of life support and whether you wanted us to include neonates.

On 28th June 2018 you replied via email the following:

"Thank you for getting back to me. To clarify on the life support, I am looking for information on all patients who are being ventilated using both invasive and non-invasive techniques. And for the second question, we are looking for the total cost to the Trust"

On 2nd July 2018 we contacted you via email as we still required clarification on whether you required information regarding neonates and children.

On the same day, Justin Menhenett, responded via email the following:

"This is for all patients."

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 Please could you answer the following questions for me regarding patients receiving life support?

The number of patients kept on life support for more than 28 days in:

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017

A1 Please refer to the table below.

Row Labels	Count of Pat ID
2015	124
2016	126
2017	132

Q2 The total of keeping patients on life support each year in:

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017

Clarification:

That is the total cost of keeping them on life support.

A2 Please see below:

Year	Cost (£)
2015	4,307,341.00
2016	5,855,929.00
2017	6,318,864.36

*Please note that 2015 costs are part year from April-December as the data is not available prior to April 2015.

*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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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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Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance