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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 287th November 2022 (received into our office 29th November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Pathology network self-assessment

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 I would like a copy of the pathology network maturity self-assessment tool for the “North 8” filled in and sent to NHS England in 2022. This was a standardised matrix built by NHSE and sent out to all pathology networks to fill in and send back. I would like your completed document, with the information you sent to NHS England. Please send it to me in a Excel compatible file format such as .XLSX or .CSV.

I have included a blank copy of the tool, for your reference to ease your search.

A1 See attached

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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 671612.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle
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